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1,500 GERMAN PARACHUTE TROOPS IN NEW ZEALAND BATTLE DRESS MAKE SUDDEN ATTACK ON CRETE: SERIOUS CONFLICT IS DEVELOPING

Heavy Concentrations Of Enemy Planes In Southern Greece

"GERMAN PARACHUTISTS AND AIR-BORNE TROOPS THIS MORNING LAUNCHED A SUDDEN AND HEAVY ATTACK ON THE ISLAND OF CRETE AND A SERIOUS BATTLE IS DEVELOPING."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, made this statement in the House of Commons yesterday, says Reuter.

Mr. Churchill said that 1,500 enemy troops, in New Zealand battle dress, landed by gliders, parachutes and troop carriers. Their objective was the capture of Malemi aerodrome in which attempt they had so far failed.

THE PRIME MINISTER REVEALED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE PARACHUTE TROOPS HAD BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR BUT A FAIRLY STRONG FORCE ON THE CANEA-MALEMI ROAD HAD NOT YET BEEN MOFFED UP.

Prior to the landing of parachute troops the enemy had carried out a number of reconnaissance flights over the anti-aircraft defences.

NO STATEMENT YET ON "ENTERTAINING" EPISODE OF HESS

Several questions about the arrival of HERR HESS, the Nazi Deputy Fuehrer, in Scotland, the reasons for his flight from Germany and his treatment in Britain, were asked in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Prime Minister, MR. CHURCHILL, replying, said that he was not yet in a position to make a statement on what he called "this entertaining and important episode" and was not at all sure when he would be.

The comments made by Cabinet Ministers, he felt sure, had general approval, but it was one thing for statements to be made and another thing for him (the Premier) to sum up, as it were, the view of the Government on the enquiries they were making on information which came to their hands.

Commendable Action By Police In Dealing With Rowdy Women In City

Those members of the Hongkong Police Force—European, Chinese and Indian—who turned out yesterday, under MR. W. P. THOMPSON, Superintendent of Police, deserve the thanks of the Colony, as well as of the demonstrators themselves, for the most commendable restraint they showed under extreme provocation when handling the crowd of angry, and hysterical, women who, claiming to be former nightsoil coolies, created a disturbance outside and inside the General Post Office building.

Apparently, the women got to hear about the Urban Council meeting yesterday afternoon and, presumably, thought it would be an excellent opportunity to present their "claim" for reinstatement. Over a thousand, all women and children, this time, marched to the Post Office building but were dispersed when they attempted to park themselves outside the main door.

The demonstrators then went to the backdoor of the Post Office, near the P. & O. building, and sat down on the steps, leading to the upper floors. The situation was rapidly growing out of hand and a call was sent to Police Headquarters for reinforcements.

On arrival of the Emergency Unit, the whole of the lane between the Post Office and the P. & O. building was "closed" with policemen, standing six deep, guarding both entrances.

Mr. Churchill prefaced his statement by telling the House that British reconnoitring aircraft had for some days noticed heavy concentrations of enemy planes in Southern Greece.

THE R.A.F. HAD RAIDED THESE CONCENTRATIONS NIGHT AFTER NIGHT INFLECTING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. THESE CONCENTRATIONS WERE OBVIOUSLY A PRELUDE TO THE ATTACK ON CRETE.

"Our troops there, men from Britain, New Zealand and Greece, are under the command of Gen. Freyberg, V.C., and I feel confident that the most stern and resolute resistance will be offered to the enemy," concluded the Prime Minister.

Crete is the seat of the Greek Government.

General Freyberg was formerly commander of the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force.

Two full divisions of the Greek Army were reported to have arrived in Crete.

STRAIGHT ONSLAUGHT

"You have just heard that the Germans have made a parachute attack on the Island of Crete. I can add nothing to that because so far we have had nothing more in the way of detail," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B. B. C. commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

"Thus for the first time we have come up against a straight onslaught by air-borne troops and it will be interesting to see how we deal with this novel form of attack."

Today's News Summary

WEARING NEW ZEALAND battle dress, German parachute troops made a sudden and heavy attack on Crete yesterday and a serious battle is developing. A statement to this effect was made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons yesterday. A large number of the parachutists have been accounted for.

IN THE CAMPAIGNS in Libya and Abyssinia the Italians have had over four hundred thousand men put out of action. With the capture of Amba Alagi—the campaign in Abyssinia is nearing a close. A wide review of Imperial operations in Africa was given by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday.

BRITISH TROOPS HAVE captured Fallujah in Iraq. No casualties were suffered.

AMONG FAMOUS BUILDINGS damaged in recent air raids on Britain are the Royal Naval College at Greenwich and the Royal College of Surgeons.

MR. CHURCHILL IS NOT yet in a position to make a statement on Herr Hess' landing in Scotland.

FALLUJAH CAPTURED

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter)—Fallujah, in Iraq, was captured by British troops yesterday.

It was occupied after a successful combined air and ground attack. After the operation had begun, the surrender of Fallujah was demanded by means of pamphlets dropped from the air.

The British ground forces entered the town at 2 p.m. yesterday and no casualties were suffered by them or by the R.A.F.

Fallujah is on the Euphrates, 15 miles to the east of Habbaniyah.

R.N. College Damaged

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter)—The Royal Naval College in Greenwich was among the places damaged in recent air raids on London. It may now be announced.

The Royal College of Surgeons was also damaged while London's oldest house has also suffered, namely Ten Neville's Court.

LIMITED SCALE

For the third night in succession, German air operations over Britain last night were on a limited scale.

Raiders were reported over several areas but bombs were dropped only at a few points, including districts in the south-west, East Anglia and East Midlands.

Some houses were damaged. A church was set on fire in East Anglia.

In London, the full continued without even an alert.

CHURCHILL AT PALACE

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter)—Mr. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister, was received in audience by His Majesty the King today, and afterwards lunched with the King and Queen.

"Boarding Houses" And Passage Ticket Racket: Manipulators Richer

BY A STAFF REPORTER.

A racket which has been bringing in approximately half-a-million dollars monthly to its manipulators was revealed to a Hongkong Daily Press reporter by one of the victims, whose story has been investigated and found to be substantially correct.

Our informant, a young Chinese male, left the land of his birth—Penang, Straits Settlements—on March 31, accompanied by his wife, and armed with his birth certificate, on the back of which was his present-day photograph, signed and sealed by the Assistant Protector of Chinese, Penang.

RIGHT OF RE-ENTRY

When he applied for his passport in Penang, he was told by the Assistant Protector of Chinese there that that official's acceptance of his photograph as being that of the person named on the birth certificate was sufficient to permit of his re-entering the

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Chinese Foreign Minister And Burma Governor



Dr. Quo Tai-chi, the newly appointed Chinese Foreign Minister, is pictured in conversation with Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, the Governor-designate of Burma, during a luncheon given in London in the latter's honour. Dr. Quo was at that time Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James's. Sir Reginald has since assumed governorship of Burma in succession to Sir Archibald Cochrane.

PRINCESS HOHENLOHE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20 (Reuter)—Because Princess Stephanie Hohenlohe has co-operated with the United States Government and furnished interesting information and because it is difficult to obtain a passport for her, she may be released from detention, according to the Chief of the United States Immigration Service, Mr. L. B. Schofield.

The Princess had been held for deportation for several weeks.

It has been alleged that she had been working as a German agent in co-operation with Fritz Widemann, German Consul-General in San Francisco.

ICELAND NOW INDEPENDENT

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter)—Iceland has declared its independence.

The first President of Iceland is expected to be the former Envoy in Copenhagen, Sverri Pjornsson, according to an interview with the Envoy at Stockholm published in the Stockholm Press.

OVER FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND ITALIANS PUT OUT OF ACTION IN LIBYA, ABYSSINIA CAMPAIGNS

LONDON, May 20 (British Wireless)—THE DAILY MAIL SAYS THE ITALIANS HAVE NOW HAD MORE THAN 400,000 MEN PUT OUT OF ACTION IN THE TWO CAMPAIGNS IN LIBYA AND ABYSSINIA.

In our drive to Benghazi, 200,000 of Il Duce's soldiers were killed, wounded or captured—most of them Italians.

Signor Mussolini had another 300,000 men in Abyssinia about 100,000 of them were Italians.

In 94 days of fighting, we have put out of action more than 200,000 of them including almost all the Italians.

Most of the native troops, who are not casualties or prisoners, have deserted.

Premier Gives Wide Review Of Imperial Operations

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE A WIDE REVIEW OF THE IMPERIAL OPERATIONS IN THE AFRICAN CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Churchill first told of the capture of Amba Alagi and the surrender there of the Duke of Aosta.

"Our victory must be considered to bring all major organised resistance by Italians in Abyssinia to an end."

"No doubt fighting will continue for some time in the south but this campaign must be regarded as one of the most remarkable feats by British arms and reflects the utmost credit on General Cunningham and General Platt who carried out the orders of General Wavell."

"I take this opportunity to point out that in this campaign, the South African Army, composed of strong forces of men raised in the Union, have played a most distinguished part. They were ordered by General Smuts to go forward and now that this campaign is closing down they are to move north to the Mediterranean."

TRIBUTE TO INDIANS

Mr. Churchill also paid striking tribute to two British Indian divisions who had taken part in the fighting all the way from Kassala to Keren and up to the present stage.

"I am sure that the greatest admiration is felt at the extraordinary military quality shown by the Indian troops," he said. "Their ardour, courage and honour, have won the regard of their British comrades."

Mr. Churchill then went on to give the House a full report of the operations in the Western Desert. He said that the capture of Sollum was the result of a well sustained action. It was fought exclusively between British and German troops.

PRECARIOUS LINE

"I suppose it was not found worthwhile by the enemy to maintain Italian troops at the end of such a long and precarious line of communication. The fighting was

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Report Of Immigration Inquiry

The report of the IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT COMMISSION has been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has given telegraphic instructions that the report is not to be published until he has had an opportunity of reading it, states a communique issued by the Colonial Secretariat yesterday.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED

At the meeting of the Finance Committee tomorrow afternoon a supplementary vote of \$188 will be requested to cover expenditure incurred by the Immigration Department Commission of Inquiry on advertisements during the financial year ending Mar. 31, 1941.

GODOWNS ALTERATIONS

A sum of \$24,600 was provided for alterations to four godowns for use as an Immigration Depot. Expenditure in the year 1940-41 amounted to \$18,878 leaving an unexpended balance of \$5,722 of which \$2,000 only is required this year to complete the work and a re-vote is, therefore, requested.

OFFICE AT TAIPO

The sum of \$3,800 was provided in 1940-41 for buildings to accommodate the Immigration Office staff at Taiipo. Only \$2,987.81 was expended during that year and the remainder of the vote lapsed.

It is now estimated that \$400 will be sufficient to complete the work and a re-vote of this amount is requested.

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TRIBUTES TO STERLING POLICE COMMISSIONER

Tributes to the sterling qualities of the new Commissioner of Police, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, and pledges of co-operation and loyalty were expressed by Mr. Abbas Khan, Hon. Commissioner of Police Reserve, and Mr. H. J. Ruttonjee, jun., in their speeches at the tea reception, given by the Indian Company, Hongkong Police Reserve, at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday, to welcome Mr. Pennefather-Evans.

Among the large number of guests present were Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, Mr. C. G. Perdue (Deputy Commissioner of Police), Mr. O. Eager (Deputy Commissioner of Police Reserve), Mr. Abbas Khan, Mr. Feroz Ali, A.S.P. (R), Commander H. J. Horswell, Lt.-Col. G. R. Kidd, Lt.-Col. S. Shaw, Major J. L. Willocks, Major W. de B. Wood, Major W. T. Temple, Major H. L. Duncan, Capt. H. B. D. Barram, Capt. J. L. Flynn, Dr. E. A. Arculli, Prof. L. Forster, Messrs. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., G. T. Lowry, Q. A. A. Macfadyen, A. el Arculli, P. J. F. Hamilton, H. Ruttonjee, H. J. Ruttonjee, jun., and K. B. Valda.

MR. ABBAS KHAN

To the members and friends of the Indian Company of the Police Reserve this is indeed a happy occasion, for we are met here to bid welcome to the Hon. Mr. Pennefather-Evans, the new Commissioner of Police. It is my privilege to extend this welcome on behalf of those present and to assure our new Commissioner of our loyalty and support to him in his new and important duties. Mr. Pennefather-Evans comes to us with the reputation of having accomplished years of splendid work in Government service in Malaya, and we all wish him every success in Hongkong.

Mr. Pennefather-Evans has already evinced keen and sympathetic interest in the work of the Hongkong Police Reserve, and there is every reason to feel confident that under his guidance, the unit will continue to grow and to improve.

DEEP APPRECIATION

I also feel that this occasion is opportune to express to Mr. Perdue, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, our deep appreciation for his kindly interest, unfailing sympathy, and fatherly care for the Indian Company during the many years he has been associated with the Colony's police force. Mr. Perdue has been especially helpful to us while he was acting Commissioner of Police and in his capacity as Deputy Commissioner.

The Indian Company also feels a debt of gratitude to Mr. Oscar Eager, the Deputy Commissioner of Police Reserve, whose enthusiasm for the Police Reserve has been greatly instrumental in the increase of the unit's strength to 1,500. Mr. Eager has been a source of tremendous help to the Indian Company ever since his association with the Police Reserve, while the happy and successful co-operation of the various companies owe much to his inspiration and leadership.

Neither do I feel we can allow this occasion to pass without reference to the work of Mr. Tso Tsun-on, who, with kindly tact and constant sympathy, has looked after the general interests of the Reserve for so long.

GLORIOUS RECORDS

Other gentlemen to whom the Indian Company owes so much are Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, who has given unstintingly his financial and moral support, and Dr. Arculli, who is the Honorary Medical Officer.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 31st May, and Monday, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

QUALITIES OF NEW



The Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, addressing the gathering at the tea party in the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday afternoon. Also in the picture are Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. Justice Cressall, Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. O. Eager, D.C.P. (R), Mr. Abbas Khan and Mr. Feroz Ali, A.S.P. (R) Indian Company.—(Sun Ying Ming).

YIELD TO NONE
The Indian Company of the Police Reserve, like their brothers who are fighting in the deserts with their British colleagues, yield to none in their loyalty to the King Emperor, and they are ready to sacrifice their lives and property until the final victory is won for the cause of lasting peace and justice.

In conclusion may I express on behalf of the Indian Company, appreciation to the civilian and military guests who have attended today and helped us to bid welcome to our new Commissioner.

MR. J. H. RUTTONJEE, JR.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I respond to the invitation of Mr. Abbas Khan to say a few words to this gathering in honour of our most distinguished guest, Mr. Pennefather-Evans. I regret that my father—who as you all well know is a patron of the Indian Police Reserve—is unable to be present.

As a community, we are indeed proud of the splendid record achieved by India in her loyal support of the British Crown. Men of Indian race are now valiantly fighting in Africa, Egypt, and elsewhere that the cause of democracy may not die.

ABLE LEADERSHIP

As a community, we are proud that so many of our nationality are loyally serving in the Colony's Police Force. I am sure that those members of the Indian community enlisted in the Hongkong Police Force deem it an honour to have served under the able leadership of such men as the Commissioner, Mr. King and Acting Commissioner, Mr. Perdue. They are now afforded the great privilege of serving under another capable leader, the Hon. Commissioner Mr. Pennefather-Evans, and I join with Mr. Abbas Khan in assuring him of the whole-hearted support of our community.

"DO OUR SHARE"

The importance of the Hongkong Police Reserve cannot be minimised. As the British Empire is passing through the most dangerous period in our history, it behoves us all to do everything we can to ensure an Allied victory against that totalitarian system of government which would throttle our rights and liberties.

To preserve order in the Colony, we must build up a strong Police Reserve. As a member of the Indian community, I appeal to all heads of Indian firms to permit the younger men of their staffs to join up. We cannot all be soldiers in defence of the Crown, but at least, we can do our share in protecting the Colony in which we have enjoyed the benefits of peace and justice under the British flag. Gentlemen, let us make the Police Reserve a 100 per cent. success. With your support we can do it.

YEOMAN SERVICE

I need not recall the yeoman service that the Indian Police Reserve rendered to the community of Hongkong during the last war. Some of you present today can recall with appreciation how splendidly the entire Indian community supported the Police Reserve twenty-five years ago.

We are sure that the members of the Indian Police Reserve of today will uphold the lofty traditions of the past and in their pursuit of duty achieve new laurels.

MR. PENNEFATHER-EVANS

Replying, the Commissioner of Police said, in part:—
I should like to thank you very much indeed for giving me this opportunity of meeting you all, and particularly to thank Mr. Abbas Khan for his very kind words of welcome.

I heartily endorse all that Mr. Abbas Khan has said about the magnificent way in which Indian

RECREIO RINKS FOR SATURDAY

The following have been selected to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday, May 24:—

FIRST DIVISION

"A" TEAM:—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves, C. G. Silva (skip), L. F. Xavier, C. Roza, Pereira, J. E. Noronha, F. X. Silva (skip), F. X. Soares, C. A. Lopes, F. V. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (skip).
"B" TEAM:—F. A. Machado, D. C. Alves, E. de Souza, B. Basto (skip), C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. D. Remedios, J. J. Basto (skip), C. Vas. A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Outters (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

E. L. Barros, H. M. Xavier, C. M. S. Alves, O. P. Remedios (skip), A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, F. A. Xavier, J. R. Soares (skip), L. A. Rozario, F. J. A. Marques, C. C. Pereira, J. A. Remedios (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

C. F. Rozario, F. Sequeira, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip), A. A. Roza, E. Cunha, F. X. Monteiro, M. A. Carvalho (skip), G. A. Pinna, G. Ribeiro, M. Mendoca, M. Alarcon (skip).

NO TENNIS

The Hongkong Lawn Tennis League has not made a very auspicious start, as for the second day in succession rain washed out the programme of matches.

Of the three games in the First Division on Monday only one was played.

Five matches in the Third Division are down for decision today.

troops in the Near East have added undying fame to the laurels of the Indian Army.

I was brought up in the tradition of the Indian Army. My father, as a young man, was transferred to the Indian Army from the British Army. My love of India and Indians has been fostered by my family connections with the Indian Army. Therefore, I can assure Indians that they have a friend in me—a friend who appreciates their many virtues and who is not blind to their faults but understands and can make allowances for them.

GENEROUS GIFT

It may not be known to many of you here today that I have recently had the very great pleasure of transmitting to the Hon. Colonial Secretary a cheque for \$1,500 from your Honorary Commissioner, Mr. Abbas Khan, to be divided in equal portions of \$500 each between the Bomber Fund, the British Red Cross and the Lord Mayor's Fund to help persons made destitute by air raids. I know you will agree with me that Mr. Abbas Khan's gift is a most generous one.

It may interest you to know that I was sent to Hongkong in 1936 by the Inspector-General of Police in Singapore to learn about the Police Reserve in Hongkong, and it was on my report of the success of the Police Reserve in Hongkong that it was decided to raise a Police Reserve in Singapore, which is now a very valuable body of auxiliary police.

In conclusion I wish the Indian Company of the Police Reserve the greatest possible success. I know that if the time ever comes for action I can rely on the Indian Company to emulate their brothers on other fronts, whose devotion to duty and their King-Emperor is the admiration of the whole world.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

TENNIS. — Third Division: C.D.R. V. A.T.C. C.R.C. (1) v. K. T. G. C. A., Hongkong U.T.C. v. Kowloon C.C., C.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2), South China A.A. v. K.I.T.C.

TOMORROW

RACING. — Entries Close for Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Extra Race Meeting, 12 noon.

TENNIS. — Fourth Division: A. T. C. v. P.O.R.C. (1), C.B.A. v. J. R. C. I. R. C. v. Filipino Club, K.I.T.C. v. South China A.A., C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

WATER POLO.—Navy "A" v. 96th Bty. (Navy), 5.30 p.m., 8th Coastal Regt. v. Small Units (Army), 6.45 p.m.; Scots v. Mid-diesex B (Y.M.C.A.), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 24

LAWN BOWLS. — First Division: Recreio "B" v. Recreio "A", Police R.C. v. Craighengower, Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Docks R.C., Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Civil Service, Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Indian R.C. Second Division: Hongkong F.C. v. Recreio, Prison O.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Tal-koo R.C. v. Kowloon C.C., Craighengower v. Kowloon F.C. Third Division: Recreio v. Craighengower, Indian R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C., Hongkong Electric v. Hongkong F.C., Hongkong C.C. v. Police R.C.

Home Soccer Fixtures

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 24:

LONDON CUP

Millwall v. Arsenal.
SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot v. Crystal Palace; Brentford v. Reading; Cardiff City v. Portsmouth; Fulham v. Southampton; Tottenham v. Leicester; Wat-sall v. Nottingham Forest; Wat-ford v. Queen's Park Rangers; Westham v. Chelsea.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v. Preston North End; Everton v. Sheffield United; Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers; York City v. Middlesbrough.

REGIONAL MATCH

Chesterfield v. Stoke City.

HONGKONG POLO CLUB GYMKHANA

Entries, Owners For "Show Jumping"

The following is the list of entries, with the names of owners in brackets, for the "Show Jumping" competition of the H. K. Polo Club Gymkhana to be held at Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon, on Saturday, May 24.

"A" Class (China Ponies):—Canary (Capt. T. Whittaker), Dar-len (J. K. Bousfield), Double Chance (Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith), Herga (J. C. A. Gundersen), Lady Luck (Cottage Club), March Brown (W. T. Stanton), That's That (L. A. Lewis), Trojan (L. A. Lewis), Three Farthings (Mrs. J. Whittaker).

"B" Class (Australian Ponies):—Bingo (Mrs. P. J. T. Skipwith), Brutus (G. Trevorton), Canberra Girl (Mrs. W. T. Stanton), Cape York (Dr. L. Reidy), R. E. (J. Well-ford), U. S. S. Mindanao (Lt. S. Goodman), South China (H. Wing Lee), Chung Hwa (P. K. Lau), H. K. B. C. (C. W. Waggoner), U. S. S. Tulsa (Paymaster Usher).

WATER-POLO SCORES

The following were the results of the European Water-polo League played yesterday:—

Y.M.C.A. 5, Middlessex "A" 2; Signals 2, Navy "C" 0.

BASEBALL LEAGUE TO BEGIN JUNE 7

The baseball League season will open on June 7 (Saturday) probably on the Chatham Rd. ground.

This was decided at a meeting of the Hongkong Baseball League held yesterday evening when the following officials were elected:—

President—B. C. Lawrence; Vice-Pres.—F. J. Molthen; Hon. Sec.—R. Lau; Hon. Treas.—H. A. Barros; Committee—Representing H. B. (P. J. Tonnochy), R. E. (J. Well-ford), U. S. S. Mindanao (Lt. S. Goodman), South China (H. Wing Lee), Chung Hwa (P. K. Lau), H. K. B. C. (C. W. Waggoner), U. S. S. Tulsa (Paymaster Usher).

The closing date for entries will be May 30 on which day a meeting will be held at the Texas Oil Company office at 6 p.m.

ENTRANCE FEES

Entrance fees will be \$50 per team, and \$100 for commercial teams. Members and players tickets will be issued as usual and intending entrants are reminded that they can recover the amount of their entrance fees by the sale of members tickets issued by them.

Owing to the present unsettled situation, U. S. S. Tulsa, which has been admitted to the League, will be allowed to have U. S. S. Asheville substitute for them when they are away from the Colony with the proviso that, if both teams are here at the same time, they will not combine forces.

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Produced by JACK CUMMINGS

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COMING EVENTS

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21—Tides: High 6.57 a.m. and 6.55 p.m. Low: 12.36 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.
H.K. Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting. Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. noon.
St. Andrew's Fellowship, talk by Brig. Darby, 8.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.
Vocal and Pianoforte Recital, St. Paul's Girls' College, 8.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of St. Teresa's Youth, 8.45 p.m.
Volunteer Sergeants' Mess Comm. tee Mtg., 5.30 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.
Bridge and Mahjong Drive, St. John's Cathedral, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
22—Tides: High 7.27 a.m. and 7.3 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.
Entries Close for Sixth Extra Meeting of Hongkong Jockey Club, noon.
St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.
St. Andrew's Social Club, 8.45 p.m.
Special Mtg. of Volunteer Officers' Mess, St. John's Place, Hut No. 6, 8 p.m.
Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.
Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.
Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, 23—Tides: High 7.52 a.m. and 8.35 p.m. Low: 12.57 a.m. and 2.09 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m.
British Foreign Bible Society Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5 p.m.
La Salle Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "How I Became An Old Boy," 8 p.m.
24—Tides: High 8.14 a.m. and 9.18 p.m. Low: 1.27 a.m. and 2.47 p.m.
Sunrise: 5.40 a.m.; Sunset: 7 p.m.
Mandarin Oratorical Contest, St. Stephen's Girls' School.
H.K. Polo Club, Gynkhana, Whitefield Barracks, Kowloon.

Solution No. 889
ACROSS
1. CRUSTACEAN
5. PUBLIC vehicle
8. Box scientifically
12. Unusual
13. Recline
14. Contract for the labour of
15. Cuckoo
16. U.S. money of account
17. Writing fluids
18. Who wrote a famous sonnet "On His Blindness"?
20. Who was the "Swedish Nightingale"?
22. Divisions of learning
24. Impress
27. Sailing vessel
30. Ethical
31. Fast
32. Short sleep
34. Wrath
35. Place of confinement
38. Who was the mother of Esau and Jacob?
41. Pertaining to a division of a rounded form
42. Ireland
43. Greek war god
45. Depress
49. Cut the outer part from
51. Feminine name
53. Eggs
54. Unequal things
55. Literary collection
56. Declare
57. Masculine name

CROSSWORD NO. 890

DOWN
1. STAFF
2. Hindu
3. Seed covering
4. Have existence
5. Under what governor of New York was the Erie Canal built?
6. To be ill
7. Who invented the telephone?
8. Ethnic cult of the Japanese
9. Kind of ode
10. Noah's vessel
11. Thing (law)
16. Who wrote "Utopia"?
19. Cymbals used by dancers
21. Doctrine
23. Trap
25. What is the first name of the

dramatist who wrote "The Green Pastures"?
26. Entreaty
27. Sore in the skin
28. Charge for exchange of currency
29. Milan is the principal city of what part of Italy?
33. What gulf is connected with the Arabian Sea by the Gulf of Oman?
36. Most uncovered
37. Native compound
39. Prejudice
40. Conclusion
44. Hit with the open hand
46. Bird
47. Level
48. Ointment
49. Exclamation
50. Fuss
52. Unit
58. Hebrew month

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Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 "Fats" Waller & His Rhythm.

Fox-Trots — Don't You Know Or Don't You Care? Lost Love. Fox-Trots — Good For Nothing? But Love; Patty Cake, Patty Cake. Fox-Trots—Ginny Mood; Pardon My Love.

12.50 "The Carlyle Cousins" (Vocal).

Vocal Trio—America Calling—Medley—with Quagino's Quartet. The Big Broadcast — Selection — with Dan Donovan and Debroy Somers Band.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Compositions of Albeniz and Granados.

Granada — Spanish Suite (Albeniz) — Orquesta Odeon. Goyescas — Intermezzo (Granados) — Pablo Casals (Cello) with piano accomp. If I Could Forget Your Eyes—Tango (Albeniz) — Benimaino (Gigli) (Tenor) with Orch.

Spanish Dance No. 1 (Granados) — New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Evocation (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz) — Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Spanish Dance (Granados) — Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Excerpts from Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience."

Overture — Symphony Orchestra cond. by Malcolm Sargent; Twenty Love-sick Maidens We—Nellie Brierclyffe, Rita Mackay and Chorus of Girls. Still Brooding On Their Mad Infatuation; I Cannot Tell What This Love May Be—Winifred Lawson, Nellie Brierclyffe, M. Eyre and Chorus of Girls. The Soldiers of Our Queen; If You Want a Receipt for That Popular Mystery—Darrell Fancourt and Chorus of Dragons. Am I Alone, and Unobserved? — If You're Anxious For To Shino—George Baker (Baritone) w. Orch. Long Years Ago — Winifred Lawson and Nellie Brierclyffe with

Orch. Let the Merry Cymbals Sound — Derek Oldham, Darrell Fancourt, M. Green, and George Baker with Chorus of Girls and Dragons.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Hill Billies and the Lecuona Cuban Boys.

Thar's Gold in Dem Thar Hills (Connor and Lisbona); Headin' Home (film "Here Comes the Band") — The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accomp. Rumba Fox-Trot—Conbanakan; Rumba — Blue Rumba — The Lecuona Cuban Boys. Pop-Eyed Pete (Kennedy and Carr)—The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp. Rumba Colora; Rumba — Moon of Monte Carlo — Lecuona Cuban Boys. Moonlight on the Prairie (film "Moonlight on the Prairie"); Home on the Range (arr. Ted and Ezra)—The Hill Billies with their own Novelty Accomp.

7.00 London Relay—The News

7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Selections from Light Opera.

A Country Girl—Selection (Monckton)—London Theatre Orchestra. Les Cloches de Corneville — Vocal Gems (Piaquette) — Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Liliac Time—Selection (Schubert, arr. Berse and Clutsmar)—Harry Davidson (Organ).

"H.M.S. Pinafore"—Selection (Sullivan)—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Liszt—Dante Sonata.

Louis Kentner (Piano) and the Sadlers' Wells Orchestra.

8.18 "Cello Solos by Beatrice Harrison."

Benedictus (Mackenzie); Adoration (Borowski) — with Organ accompaniment. Elegie (Debussy)—with Orchestra.

8.30 Studio—"Some British Poets" No. 1 Gray.

Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Eric Coates—Summer Days—Suite.

Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by the Composer.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 Compositions of Johann Strauss The Gipsy Baron—Orchestra. The Symphony Orchestra. Village Swallows from Austria — Waltz — Marek Weber and His Orch. The Singer's Joy—French Polka—Symphony Orch.

Wine, Woman and Song—Mayis Bennett (Soprano) w. Orchestra. Artist's Life—Waltz — Marek Weber and His Orchestra. Thunder and Lightning—Polka—Boston Promenade Orchestra.

9.45 — 10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Humorous Variety.

Vocal Duets — Tricky Little Tune (McGill); A More or Less Volga Boat Song (McGill)—Major and Minor w. Orchestra. Comedy Sketch — Sandy the Detective (Powell—Thomson) — Sandy Powell and Company. Vocal — They're Always Together (Crumit & others)—Frank Crumit, with Orchestra.

10.00 French Variety.

La Polka du Roi (Trenet); Le Grand Cafe (Trenet)—Charles Trenet (Vocal) and Orchestra. Tarentelle d'un Sol; Fiasco—Manola ma Bruce — Accordéoniste Deprence and Orch. Ballade (Jambian & Delettre) — Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orch.

Moi, J'ai pas Comme Ca (Gardoni) Jean, Cyrano (Vocal) w. Orch. C'est la Valse Amoureuse (Himmel) — Accordéoniste Deprence with Orchestra.

We Dia Pas Toujours (Lenoir); La Parque d'Yves (Trenet)—Lucienne Boyer (Vocal) with Orch.

10.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—I'm Stepping Out With a Memory Tonight; Until You Fall in Love—Harry Roy and his Orchestra.

Rumbas—The Peanut Vendor; Jungle Drums—Henry King and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots — Tony's Wife; Mary Lou—Van Alexander and his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots — Ain't Misbehavin'; Hot Lips—Quintette of the Hot Club of France. Tango Fox-Trot—City of a Million Dreams; Waltz — Viennese Romance—Jack Wilson & his Versatile Five.

11.00 Close Down.

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WHY SEALS CAN REMAIN LONG UNDER WATER

Boston.—Seals, which can swim under water for six minutes or more without coming up for air, apparently store a big reserve of oxygen in the hemoglobin of their muscles. Research suggesting this possibility is reported by Douglas Robinson of Harvard University.

Mr. Robinson made a quantitative analysis of a sample of harbour seal muscle for hemoglobin, and found that it contained about seven times as much of this oxygen-holding compound as an equal weight of beef muscle. A calculation of the total oxygen that a seal could take under water,

in lungs, blood, body fluids and muscle, indicated enough to last the animal 144 minutes if it did not move. This should be enough for six minutes of active swimming. One observer, however, has reported an actively swimming immersion by a seal, of 15 minutes. For this, says Mr. Robinson, "there still seems to be no physiological explanation."

Under the auspices of the National Women's Relief Association, the Lingnan University General Student Union will present Yang Haan-seng's "Clouds over the Frontier," to be directed by Cheong Shuet-fung, at the Great Hall of the Hongkong University (by kind permission of the Vice-Chancellor), at 8.30 p.m., on Saturday, May 24.

ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN PRACTICALLY ENDED WITH SURRENDER OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA

COLLAPSE OF RESISTANCE AT AMBA ALAGI MAY DEMORALISE GARRISONS AT GONDAR, JIMMA

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—The collapse of Italian resistance at Amba Alagi and the surrender of the Duke of Aosta mean the practical termination of the Abyssinian campaign.

Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent learns that there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out, but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the patriot forces.

The forces which will be liberated as the result of these very successful operations are not considerable and may have a decisive influence not only on the war which is being waged in the Libyan desert but on the operations against Iraq and Syria.

The magnificent services in Abyssinia of the South African Air Force have proved the quality and skill of these fighters and bombers, and they will be especially welcome at the present juncture when there are distinct indications of a turn in the tide in Libya. The enemy tide seems to have reached the high water mark at Sollum and has not made any further inroads at Tobruk; rather the reverse if anything.

GERMAN PRESSURE

It is yet too early to forecast where Germany will attempt to exercise the greatest pressure. There is no evidence that forces are being sent via Syria. A number of troops and planes have been rushed to Iraq but it will not be easy to build up a substantial force, especially one with striking powers, by aeroplanes alone. Although the Germans have boasted of their "flying bridge" to Tripoli, it is physically impossible for them to have conveyed by air the heavy tanks such as appeared in Cyrenaica. It becomes increasingly evident that they must have been sent across with French connivance.

ITALIAN STRENGTH

CAIRO, May 20 (Reuter).—There are approximately two Italian divisions concentrated at Jimma and the same number at Gondar, and with the help of the rains, these may hold out until the end of the rains.

On the other hand, when they receive news of the Duke of Aosta's surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.

In a few days, it is stated, military circles will be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South African, Indian, the Sudan Defence Force, patriot and British troops participated. The importance of the capture of the important road junction of Dalle was stressed.

ESCAPE OUT OFF

The only reasonable chance for the two Italian divisions concentrated in the Jimma and Lake district to escape has thereby been cut off unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to terror of the patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may take some time to crush the enemy's resistance unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

IMPORTANT CAPTURE

Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in South Abyssinia have captured an important road junction.

Eight hundred prisoners were taken, including colonels and staff officers.

In Libya, there is no change at Tobruk while the situation in Basra and Habbanlyah remains unchanged.

In the south of Sollum, two enemy columns, supported by tanks, crossed the frontier, but were driven back.

DUKE OF AOSTA

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta himself will surrender at noon today with his staff officers.

The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke, after showing that surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to the Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that is humanly possible. But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—In honour of the Thai Minister in London, a luncheon was given yesterday by Mr. R. A. Butler. The guests included Lord Cranborne, Lady Ravensdale, Sir Horace Seymour, General Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Clarke and Mr. Henry Channon.

NICOSIA, May 20 (Reuter).—An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus yesterday afternoon and remained for 50 minutes, according to an official announcement. No bombs were dropped.

MELBOURNE, May 20 (Reuter).—The Air Minister, Mr. McEwen, declared that Australia was entirely abreast of extra commitments under the Empire Air Scheme and was remedying any lag in personnel quickly. Mr. McEwen recalled that it had been officially announced a few days ago that many Australian air force squadrons are being formed for service in the theatres of war.

WASHINGTON, May 20 (Reuter).—According to reports circulating here, President Roosevelt has discussed with Legislative leaders the possibility that he will soon send to Congress a special message on foreign affairs.

BERMUDA, May 20 (Reuter).—King Carol and Madame Lupescu left here yesterday for St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

NEW YORK, May 20 (Reuter).—As the result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between coal-owners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended.

CHUNGKING, May 20 (Central).—A Japanese supply train was blown up by a Chinese land mine near Hushukwan, about seven miles northwest of Soochow on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, on May 16, according to a Shanghai report. Four of the wagons were derailed and totally wrecked.

CHUNGKING, May 20 (Reuter).—Brigadier-General Claggett, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Air Force in the Philippines, who is at present in Chungking, denied any knowledge of American volunteers coming to China to join the air force.

NAZIS GIVEN TASTE OF OWN MEDICINE

CAIRO, May 20 (Reuter).—Dealing with the German sally from Fort Capuzzo, military circles said that the R.A.F. gave them a taste of their own medicine with a large dose of bombs.

The German attempt with two columns to force "Hellfire Pass" was unsuccessful and the Germans again have to recuperate from their losses in the now much trampled Sollum area.

COMIC OPERA IN KING-MAKING

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—The comic opera in the king-making proceedings in Rome receives a fair share of attention of the British Press, but leading articles put the matter in the right perspective, which is a summation of the circumstances leading to the Viceroy, the Duke of Aosta's decision to give up the sponge in what was once Signor Mussolini's Empire in East Africa.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH recalls it was but ten weeks since General Cunningham crossed the southern frontier of Abyssinia from Italian Somaliland and since when he has travelled 1,500 miles to be frequently met with a fierce resistance in strong and natural positions.

"Signor Mussolini has no excuse for the poor defence put up in a vast united African empire," the Telegraph continues. "He had many months of non-belligerence in which to reinforce at leisure whereas Britain had to improvise in haste and under a heavy handicap, a series of converging expeditions which had now achieved such a brilliant result."

MORAL EFFECT

"The moral effect of these victories throughout the Middle East must be considerable."

Extensive R.A.F. Patrols In Libya: Damage Inflicted On Enemy Motorised Units

CAIRO, May 20 (Reuter).—A large formation of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya on Sunday, according to an R.A.F. communique.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage was inflicted on many more transport vehicles. British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

During the night of Friday-Saturday, aerodromes at Menistir and Birchlet, were raided. Benghazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused.

During operations over Tobruk on Sunday, three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

IN ABYSSINIA

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mop-up operations. Attacks were mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

SYRIA

In Syria, bombing attacks made were on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel-III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned. Raids were also made on Raschid aerodrome in Iraq.

ISLAND OF RHODES

A number of fires were started at Calato aerodrome on the island of Rhodes as the result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

CRETE ATTACKED

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns. From all these operations, one aircraft is missing.

NAZI INTRIGUES IN MIDDLE EAST

Moslems Are Incited Against Christians

LONDON, May 20 (Central).—A sensational story how Japan has a finger in the Middle East pie assisting Axis intrigues is reported in the News-Chronicle by Gedye, well-known ex-Daily Telegraph correspondent in Central Europe.

In Goebbels' intrigues throughout the Moslem countries in the Middle East, inciting the Moslems to wipe out the Christians and whitemen Gedye revealed that the Japanese Consul in Beirut, who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of the famous Alazhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asiatics" and to "expel the white man."

Japanese everywhere, Gedye alleged, allow German and Italian espionage organisations to use the Japanese diplomatic bags wherever the Axis Consulates no longer exist.

FRANCO-GERMAN COLLABORATION

Negotiations Making Good Progress

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—Franco-German negotiations continue to make satisfactory progress. It is officially announced in Vichy, according to the German news agency.

Permission to enter the occupied northern and western areas is to be granted to officials and leaders of industry and agricultural concerns provided that their presence is essential for administrative and economic purposes.

A scheme for the repatriation of certain categories of prisoners of war is at present under consideration.

DE GAULLE DECLARATION

Another London message states that complete disavowal of the "agreements" between the Vichy Government and Germany is contained in a declaration by General de Gaulle to the British Government and the chiefs of the Allied Governments in London.

"It states that the Vichy 'Government' has placed itself in a position which deprives itself of all independence with regard to the invader."

The source of the Vichy so-called government lies exclusively in the person of an old man who, for many years, has been known to be enfeebled by age.

BELLIGERENT NATION

The declaration continues: "Firstly, France cannot and must not be held responsible for acts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped power and subjected themselves to the enemy. Secondly, the French nation is continuing the war by means of all her military forces and territories outside enemy control and should, therefore, be considered a belligerent nation by all states and as an ally by those who fight the common enemies."

Five In Five Minutes!

BRILLIANT FEAT OF SPITFIRE PILOTS

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel yesterday encountered 10 Messerschmitt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmitts.

Two of the Spitfire pilots got two each and a third got one, states the Air Ministry news service.

Only one German had time to bale out the others crashing into the sea in their machines.

"It was grand," said one pilot, "but I could not stay long for as soon as I had got my two I saw about 25 other 'Yellow-noses' (Messerschmitts) coming at us and I had no more ammunition."

RAID-FREE NIGHT

Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over coastal districts, up to a late hour last night. It appeared unlikely that any large scale attack would develop anywhere.

NEW HOME GUARD APPOINTMENTS

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter).—Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, who with the late Sir John Alcock made the first Atlantic flight in 1919, has been appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the Home Guard with command of a battalion.

Sir Brown was a Lieutenant in the R.A.F. in the last war and is now an active flying officer in a training branch.

Another battalion commander appearing on the same list is Major-General George Raikes, formerly of the Royal Marines, who served in the South African and World Wars.



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ROTARY TIFFIN:

INTERESTING ADDRESS ON
"GILBERT AND SULLIVAN"
BY HONGKONG JOURNALIST

The Hongkong Rotary Club met at tiffin yesterday at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden when the speaker was Mr. H. Brokenshire who gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Gilbert and Sullivan."

Dr. Arthur W. Woo presided and among the Visiting Rotarians was Mr. R. E. Holtum of the Singapore Rotary Club who is travelling to the United States to attend the Rotary International Conference at Denver, Colorado, as District Governor, nominee for Malaya and Thailand.

Rotarian N. Garfield and Rotarian J. T. Choy, who had been away on leave, were welcomed back to the Club. Guests introduced were Mr. Percy Chen, the Rev. J. E. Sandbach, Mr. J. Bottelheim, Mr. J. M. Mortaux and Captain R. W. Bateman.

SPEAKER'S ADDRESS

Mr. Brokenshire said that although it was 100 years since the birth of both Gilbert and Sullivan, their names were still known, possibly to more people than when they were alive. Despite the passing of the years their operas still attracted thousands each year in their many revivals. Gilbert had enriched the language with his own name used adjectivally and Sullivan's music was still being sung, apart from the most famous of English hymns, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

As theatrical productions the operas were unique for they were probably better money-spinners today than when they were first produced. What made the names of Gilbert and Sullivan live, however, were the thousands of people the world over who found in the operas something which had attracted their fathers and fathers before them, who could quote verbatim whole passages from the libretti, who formed Gilbert and Sullivan Societies and who enthusiastically patronised every revival of the operas.

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP

The speaker said his talk was not an academic discussion on the qualities which had made the operas live but merely a biographical

talk on Gilbert and Sullivan and how the operas came to be written.

The first impression, he said, was one of surprise that two men so diametrically opposed in character could have collaborated in such a successful partnership. Gilbert, he said, was quarrelsome, intolerant and seemed to go out of his way to annoy people; on the other hand Sullivan was courteous, kindly and diplomatic. From their first meeting almost there was friction between them, they were seldom seen together and the constant friction eventually caused a rift between them. It was strange, therefore, that their best work was done during periods of great discord.

THIRD PARTY

After covering the early life of both men, the speaker revealed that much of the success of the operas was due to a third party, Richard D'Oyly Carte, who, producing the original operas, smoothed over the differences between the men and acted as a spur to them when they were disinclined to collaborate. It was he who commissioned their first work, "Trial by Jury," and eventually became their partner in the Savoy Theatre productions.

The rift between the two men followed the opening of the "Gondoliers" and although they were reunited after two years their last two works, "Utopia Limited" and "The Grand Duke" were not as successful as their earlier operas and have not been revived.

Mr. W. H. E. Thomas thanked the speaker.

Chinese Food Prejudices
And High Infant
Mortality In Hongkong

Food prejudices among the less-educated classes of the Chinese population contribute to a great extent to the high infant mortality rate in the Colony and in China. DR. LYDIA FEHLY told a meeting of the Hongkong Nurses and Midwives Association at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening.

GAOLED FOR
TAKING LAW
INTO OWN HANDSSequel To Teahouse
Incident

Two men, CHENG CHAN-LEUNG, 20, and CHAN MING-LAP, 21, both felons of the Sing Heung teahouse, No. 7 Cheung On Street, Kowloon City, arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, were found guilty on a charge of manslaughter of an unknown Chinese male on April 11.

After a short retirement the jury added a rider to their verdict. They recommended clemency on the part of the Court, especially in the case of first accused, in view of the fact that the accused were acting under the instructions of the mistress of the teahouse and in a concerted action and also in view of the weak condition of the deceased.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Det. Insp. A. E. Carey, while the following jury was empanelled: Messrs. E. Poullard (Foreman), Yuen Kwok-ching, Ho Kai-suey, L. M. Xavier, G. Kelly, Li Kwan and Au Key-wai.

Mr. Abbott said that deceased entered the teahouse and was given tea and cakes. When he finished the meal, Mr. Abbott said, the trouble began because he had no money to pay. He went and told the cashier, a woman.

What happened after this was not entirely clear but deceased arrived in the kitchen and subsequently at the backyard. The next thing that took place was a violent assault.

FOUND IN LANE

Mr. Abbott continued that it was known that deceased was found dead in the scavenging lane and that a severe assault was committed on him by felons of the teahouse.

Dr. H. H. Tai, deposed that the cause of death was a ruptured spleen and internal haemorrhage. Deceased was poorly developed.

First accused was sentenced to seven months' hard labour and the second to eight months' hard labour.

Passing sentence, his Lordship said, "If young men like you take the law into your hands, as you undoubtedly did, you cannot complain if you have to take the consequences."

subversive or to jeopardise the safety of the Colony, nor against the Republic of China.

LENIENCY PLEA

Asking for a lenient view to be taken, Mr. Sin requested His Worship to impose a fairly high fine but not the maximum penalty.

First and second defendants were fined each \$1,000 or three months' hard labour on the third charge and the same on the fourth, the sentence to run consecutively, while third defendant was fined \$1,000 or three months.

The apparatus and documents were ordered to be confiscated.

The less educated classes come to the erroneous conclusion that evil spirits out of jealousy snatch away their infants, Dr. Fehly said, but these deaths are more easily ascribable to improper feeding than to any other cause.

Vitamin B1, Dr. Fehly continued, is present in the outer layers of unpolished (red) rice, in egg yolks, pork, fruit and vegetables.

The poorer classes in Hongkong eat mostly white rice, which is deprived of its outer layers by milling and has consequently very little of the required vitamin.

A large class of Chinese follow the belief that fruit and vegetables, which they describe as "cooling" food may be enjoyed only in moderate quantities and only when one is in perfect health.

BERI-BERI

Food prejudices, Dr. Fehly said, considerably aggravate the Vitamin B1 deficiencies of nursing mothers with the result that the infant may die while the deficiency in the diet of the mother may manifest itself as beri-beri.

Dr. Fehly advised midwives not to give in to the ignorance or prejudices of the women under their care by supplying them with so-called "hot" food consisting of small quantities of salted fish, salted eggs, preserved ginger and a lot of white rice but to give them just the opposite: that is, a lot of fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh eggs, milk and as little white rice as possible.

This, Dr. Fehly said, would cut appreciably the death rate, especially in the case of male infants.

Dr. Fehly was introduced to the meeting by Miss Kong Ching-po, Chairman of the Association.

POSSESSION OF
FORGED NOTES
OF CHARTERED
BANK OF INDIAAccused Alters Plea
At Sessions Trial

When Chan Piu, alias Lam Piu, 28, was arraigned before Mr. Justice P.E.F. Cressell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday for trial on charges of uttering and possession of forged banknotes, he told his Lordship that there was no need to summon a jury as he wanted to change his plea to one of guilty.

Accused was charged with uttering a \$10 banknote on April 4 purporting to be a note of the Chartered Bank, and with possession of two forged \$10 notes of the Chartered Bank on the same day.

Mr. J. Reynolds, who prosecuted assisted by Det. Sgt. D. G. MacPherson, said accused went into a medicine shop at No. 82 Prince Edward Road and tendered a \$10 note. The forged note was not discovered until later.

RAN OUT OF SHOP

Two days later accused again went into the shop and attempted to pass another note. When asked by the foki why he attempted to pass forged notes accused ran out of the shop but was pursued and caught by the foki. When searched at the station three other forged notes were found on his person.

Defendant stated that the two notes were given to him by a man named Chau Chai in Wanchai. Asked by his Lordship whether he was trying to ask for leniency accused replied he was.

SERIOUS OFFENCE

His Lordship said it was clear that accused had possession of more than one note and had made more than one attempt to pass them. The only thing was that that offence was not so prevalent in the Colony as in the past. In answer to his Lordship Mr. Reynolds said that he was afraid that it was again getting prevalent. However, his Lordship added, it was one of the most serious offences known in law.

In imposing sentence of two years' hard labour on each count, the sentences to run concurrently, his Lordship remarked that he took into account the fact that he had pleaded guilty and that it was his first offence.

THREE MEN HEAVILY FINED FOR
WORKING RADIO-TRANSMITTING
STATIONS WITHOUT PERMISSION

Fines totalling \$5,000 were imposed on three persons by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges in connexion with the unlawful possession of wireless transmitting and receiving apparatus.

Defendants were Sum Hing-chung, 32, described as a Kuomintang reporter, Luk Kam-wah, 23, shop master of the Tai Chung Stationery Shop, and Luk Kam-fu, 18, student.

The original charges against them accused them of possessing a wireless transmitting and receiving apparatus at the second floor of No. 98, Robinson Road on Apr. 28 without the necessary permit.

NEW CHARGES

This was withdrawn by Mr. D. W. Waterton, Inspector of Wireless, G.P.O., for the prosecution, who instead preferred four new charges, which were as follows:

Possession of two complete radio-transmitting stations at the said address without the necessary permit; maintaining such without the necessary permit; working such without a permit; and unlawful possession of codes and receiving documents.

First defendant was charged on all four counts, and second defendant on the last three counts, while third defendant answered only the last charge.

Mr. Waterton said that acting on information, a raid was carried out on the said premises about 10.30 a.m. on Apr. 28. On the flat were found two complete transmitting stations, one high-powered and one low-powered, both in working order.

CYPHERED CHITS

Two portable sets, spare parts and accessories, and codes and documents were discovered.

The three defendants were found there. On third defendant's person were found several chits containing cyphered words, which formed the subject of the charge against him.

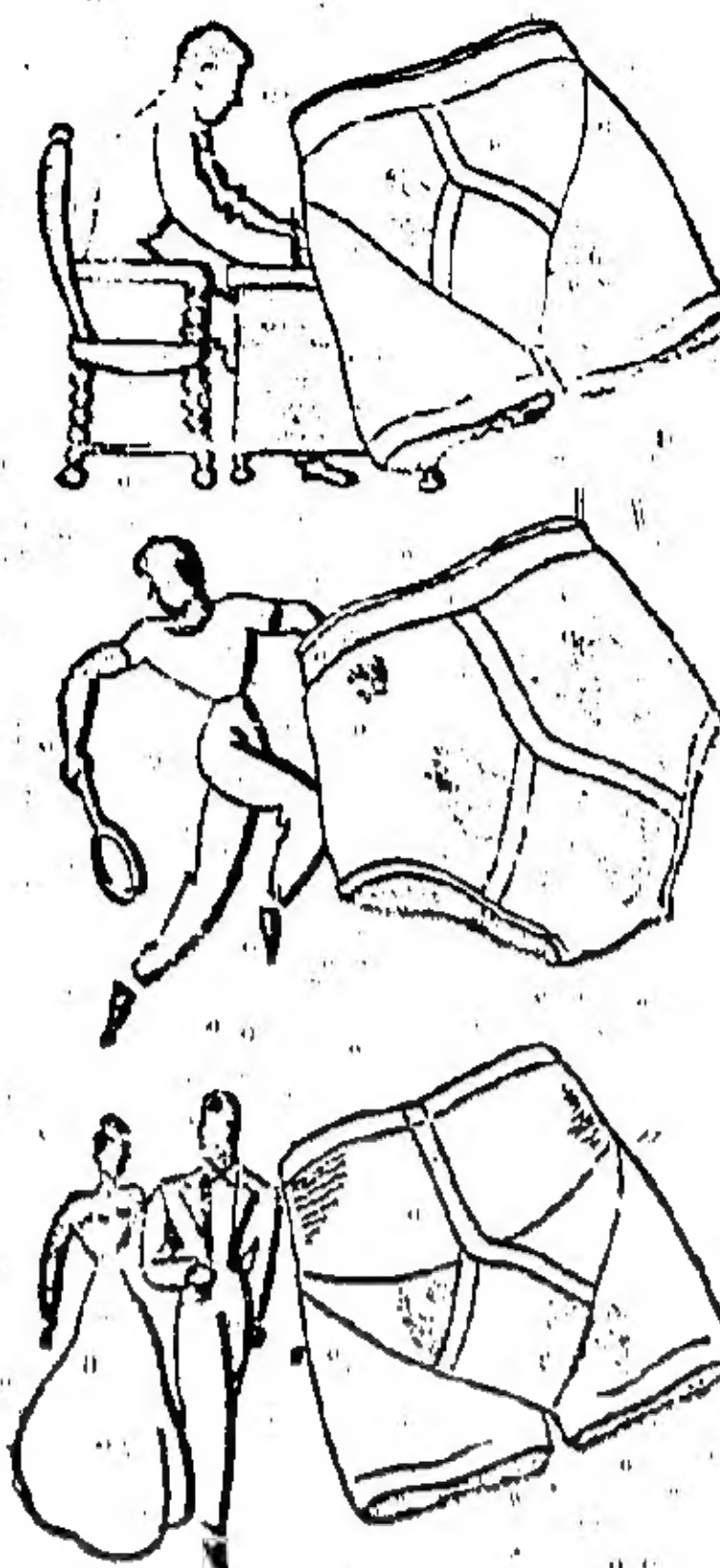
Mr. Peter H. Sin, who appeared for the defence, pleading guilty, said that defendant were men of the highest character. They belonged to a certain organisation, but they had not done anything

Was Demolition Of Huts
At Tai Hang Ordered As
A Matter Of Defence?

Further questions relating to the recent demolition of squatters' huts at Tai Hang (arising from the replies of the Hon. the Director of Public Works on May 8) will be asked by the HON. MR. LO MAN-KAM at the meeting of the Legislative Council tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Lo, pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1. Was the destruction ordered as a matter of defence?
2. If so, were the Military Authorities consulted and was the action taken with their knowledge and approval and, if not, why not?
3. Why did Government not avail itself of the non-emergency laws of the Colony by obtaining material orders for the removal of encroachments on Crown Land instead of resorting to emergency laws in this case?

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 26th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4205	As per plan	As per plan	1,500	144	1,500
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 7th May to the 21st May, 1941, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 30th April, 1941.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Eu and family wish to announce that the funeral of the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen will take place on Thursday, May 22, 1941, at 10 a.m. Friends who wish to pay their last respects to the late Mr. Eu Tong-sen may attend at the Yai Bit Ting, at Kennedy Town, between 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

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THE AFRICAN WAR ZONE

THE SURRENDER of the Duke of Aosta's army in Amba Alagi, the most strategic and strongest of the Italian positions in Abyssinia, foreshadows the liquidation of the British operations in this theatre of the war in the very near future. The rounding up of the remaining Italian positions in Abyssinia may well, as military commentators have pointed out, be left to the patriot forces. This would write final to the campaign, the success of which will have a very great effect on the British plans for dealing with the fresh developments that have arisen in Libya and the Near East. The successful termination of the Abyssinian campaign will enable a large part of the forces operating in that area to be transferred to the north, where the German drive towards the Egyptian frontier has been so far effectively harassed and delayed. It will also make it possible for reinforcements to be moved to the new theatre of hostilities in Iraq, where the perfidy of the Vichy Government has given the Germans an initial advantage in the use of military and air bases in Syria. The British have already taken prompt action to counter this move and their efforts will now be considerably increased with the release of troops and planes from service in Abyssinia.

THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S surrender marks the end of an ignoble Italian attempt to challenge the strength of British influence in Africa. As a part of Herr Hitler's plan for world domination it has utterly failed and Italy's future activity in the operations in Africa will be that of playing second fiddle to Germany. From the moment that the Nazis had to take a hand in Libya to prevent Signor Mussolini's forces from being driven out of African soil, it was obvious that Herr Hitler realised the uselessness of his junior partner as a real help to his plans. The German Fuehrer had no doubt expected the Duke of Aosta to hold out until the Nazis could launch their attack on Egypt, at least. The Italian Commander's decision to give up further resistance will, once again upset Herr Hitler's plans and set the time factor against him with increasing emphasis. It is clear now that his hopes of keeping a large part of the British forces occupied in Abyssinia, where the Duke of Aosta had been instructed to resist even at the risk of seeing his whole army completely annihilated, have vanished and with the immediate certainty of the Imperial forces being moved up from Abyssinia and South

Nationalisation Of Australian Industry

SYDNEY, May 20 (Reuter).—A much greater degree in the nationalisation of the Australian industry was foreseen by Acting Prime Minister, MR. A. W. FADDEN, in a statement today.

Mr. Fadden said this would be more than hitherto which they had reason to foresee.

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

The following applications for licences were refused by the Urban Council at the fortnightly meeting held yesterday:—

For eating house licence for No. 92, Reclamation Street, ground floor, No. 21, Kam Wa Street, ground floor, No. 105, Ma Tau Wei Road, ground floor; offensive trade licence for Nos. 289, and 291, Portland Street, ground floor; food shop licence for No. 54, Connaught Road Central, ground floor; food preserving licence for No. 20, Reclamation Street, ground floor.

LICENCES ISSUED

The number of licences issued by the Council between May 8, and May 19, inclusive, totalled fourteen, and consisted of food factories, one; food preserving establishments, two; food shops, two; milk shops, one; bake, houses, two; swine, three; eating houses, one; restaurants, one; and permission to erect neon signs, one.

FOKIS HURT IN EXPLOSION

Eight fokis were seriously injured on Monday evening when an explosion occurred in the hold of a junk lying at Shaukiwan, and set the craft on fire.

The men were originally the crew of a junk which left Swatow with a cargo for Hongkong last week.

They abandoned their junk and took a sampan when they sighted the approach of a Japanese trawler. After drifting in the sampan for about two days, they boarded a junk, which had been deserted at San Mun, and returned to the Colony about 7.30 p.m. on Monday.

A terrific explosion occurred when the crew began to cook their evening meal.

ONE DEAD

One man has died and two of the other seven are in a critical condition in hospital, it was learned yesterday evening with regard to the junk explosion at Shaukiwan on Monday night when eight men were severely burned aboard a Hoklo boat.

Africa to confront him in the north, Herr Hitler is faced with another grave predicament.

THE CAMPAIGN in Libya has certainly not gone according to his plans. Tobruk continues to be a thorn in his side and, by holding out as it has done, makes the German drive to the Suez vulnerable on the left flank. All German attempts to dislodge the garrison here have so far proved unavailing. The command of the sea which the Mediterranean Fleet continues to hold has enabled the garrison at Tobruk to withstand the onslaughts which have been launched against it. In the meantime, the Royal Air Force has continued to support this resistance by incessant raids on German bases and concentrations west of Tobruk and unless he is able to marshal a very large force, Herr Hitler will find it impossible to make headway as long as Tobruk remains in British hands. The same story, though in modified version, comes from Sollum, where German attempts to break clear across the Egyptian frontier have met with no marked success. To offset these hold-ups, Herr Hitler has been forced to develop the other prong of his drive through Syria and Iraq. Confident in General Wavell's ability to delay the German attack from Libya, the British are losing no time in preparing strong resistance to meet the German thrust through the Near East.

The civilians, he added, must face up to increasing the interference with supply of some of their requirements.

While Australia's war effort won golden opinions throughout the world, much more would be demanded of her before she could hope for victory.

Collectively and severally, every Australian must be required to suffer the rigorous regimentations of war.

GO OVERSEAS

MELBOURNE, May 20 (Reuter).—The War Minister, Mr. P. C. Spender, has approved the arrangement whereby 10 per cent. of Australian Imperial force units in camp in Australia will be given the opportunity to go overseas as reinforcements in addition to regular reinforcements.

The decision follows requests by the soldiers who have been in Australia for long periods and who are anxious to fight overseas.

Mr. Spender has also stated that he is still unable to give complete information to the public regarding the casualties of the Greek communication with General Sir Thomas Blamey, who is commander of the forces in Greece, on this question.

Mr. Spender points out that some men escaped in small parties and also that many unit records were lost, and, therefore, it was difficult to make a rapid check.

WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, officiating:—

Mr. Arthur Hall, master mariner, of No. 3 Ping Street, first floor, and Miss Helen Yuen, of No. 3 Ping Street, second floor;

Mr. Jung Kee-tung, merchant, of No. 37 Chin Lok Street, and Miss Cheng Chol-ping, of No. 50 Lockhart Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. George Chong Wing-poon, mercantile assistant, of No. 24 Canal Road West, and Miss Catherine May Lee, secretary, of No. 116 Electric Road;

Mr. Wu Yin, tram conductor, of

WAR ADDS TO DIFFICULTIES OF BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY: ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1940

"The story of 1939 was repeated throughout 1940—with one additional factor. The cost of living and the shortage of rice constitute a problem that inevitably affects the work of the Church and adds greatly to the difficulties confronting Colporteurs," says the report for 1940 of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, whose annual meeting will be held on Friday, May 23, at 5.30 p.m. at St John's Cathedral Hall.

THE REV. W. H. HUDSPETH of Shanghai, will be the speaker at the meeting.

THE REPORT

The following are extracts from the report:

The story of 1939 was repeated throughout 1940—with one additional factor. The cost of living and the shortage of rice, constitutes a problem that inevitably affects the work of the Church, and adds greatly to the difficulties confronting the Colporteurs. It has not always been possible to get the Scriptures when they were wanted, and often impossible to get them to the places where they were wanted. Yet most of the Colporteurs have continued their labours, and have done what they could to take the Word of God to their fellow-countrymen.

The War in Europe has added to the difficulties of the Bible Societies. War-torn Britain is naturally not finding it easy to maintain the level of giving customary in the years of peace. Cannot we accept the situation as a challenge? Cannot we resolve that this Auxiliary shall make an offering for the work of the Bible Society that shall be commensurate with the needs of the day and of the opportunities that exist on every hand?

Let one example suffice. It was first costly, then practically impossible, to send Bibles to West China. What to do? Arrangement have been made for printing the Scriptures in West China.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Statement of Accounts shows that for this year a sum of \$1,000.00 has been handed over

MR. M. J. ABBOTT CONGRATULATED

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, who recently returned from leave, was congratulated by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday, on being called to the Bar.

POSSESSION OF FORGED NOTE

Hawker Sentenced To Three Years

Remarking that the offence was a very serious one and must be put an end to, Mr. Justice Cressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday imposed sentence of three years hard labour on CHIU SHUN, 25, hawker, who was found guilty on counts of uttering and possession of a forged \$10 note of the Hongkong Shanghai Bank at the Hor Cheong grocery shop at San Hui Castle Peak district, on May 5.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Sgt. H. Danbrowsky, prosecuted, and the jury comprised Messrs. D. D. Forbes (Foreman), A. C. Neves, Tsang Cheng-kai, Kwauk Yau-kwong, A. G. Gardner, G. A. Law and Foo Ping-yuen.

Mr. Reynolds said that when charged accused, in a statement, said that the note was given him by his mother and did not know it was bad.

Accused called, as a witness, his mother, Lam Ting, who deposed that she gave a \$10 to her son to buy vegetables.

After a retirement of five minutes the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

Accused had three previous convictions for larceny.

ENVOYS FETED

Mr. O. K. Yui, Vice-Foreign Minister-designate of the National Government of China, yesterday gave a luncheon party in honour of Their Excellencies Mr. Nelson T. Johnson and Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, the outgoing and incoming American Ambassadors to China, respectively, at the Hongkong Hotel.

Dr. C. T. Wang, who returned here a few days ago after a visit to Kweilin, Mr. J. H. Bruins, the Acting American Consul-General and other prominent Chinese, and American personages were present.

No. 6 Russell Street, and Miss Kwan Kwai-sun, of No. 18 Canal Road West.

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION ANALYSED BY MILITARY COMMENTATOR

"The fall of AMBA ALAGI is welcome news at the moment. It is the strongest and most strategic of the positions held by the Italians and its capture will be the signal for the collapse of the whole Italian resistance here," said MAJOR LEWIS HASTINGS, B.B.C. military commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the military situation in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Major Hastings declared that General Wavell would now have valuable reinforcements in men and material for service on other fronts and it was impossible to praise too highly the great achievements of the South African forces which had taken part in the Abyssinian campaign. It was gratifying to learn also that Indian troops had played a considerable part in the victory in Abyssinia.

MERELY PRELIMINARIES

"The flames of war are spreading in the Near East, but what has happened in the last few weeks are merely preliminaries," continued Major Hastings. "No one can fall to see that the whole situation in the Mediterranean area is now shadowed by increasing evidence of Vichy Government's surrender to Germany."

"Should this become complete, it will considerably assist the German designs in the Near East and Libya. In fact it will do more than that—it will widen the whole field of operations from Basra to Benghazi and from Benghazi to the Western gates of the Mediterranean and to Dakar. Let us look at the immediate picture presented by the current activities in the Near East."

GERMAN GAINS

"The most important German gain in the Balkan campaign was the grip they obtained on the islands in the Aegean Sea. By holding these, the Nazis have the means of increasing pressure on Turkey and Syria. As far as Turkey is concerned, for the present they seem to be content to regard these moves as a gradual encirclement, but that with Vichy's aid the Germans intend to make use of Syria for their attack on Suez."

"By means of this converging attack, the Germans hope to achieve the following:—First, the use and development of a large proportion of their immense forces in Europe, particularly their mechanised units, and secondly, the attenuation and diversion of Britain's resources."

"All this presents a most absorbing problem and in my opinion the balance of advantage is by no means altogether on the side of the Axis," continued Major Hastings. "If our enemies, with their huge preponderance in numbers, can bring this preponderance to bear on all fronts, our position may be in great danger."

SERIOUS THREAT

"However, it is not as simple as all that. The Royal Navy is a serious threat to the enemy's communications. Let us therefore, take each of the three prongs of their attack in turn."

"The position of Crete, though not vital, is of great importance to the whole strategic plan. While it is in our hands this large island, as an advance naval and air base, greatly reduces the importance of the islands taken by the Germans. Crete, really threatens all the Axis links with Syria and Egypt. Should it fall into Axis hands, the situation will be radically changed."

"It would be useful for the enemy's operations against Alexandria. No wonder the Nazis are talking about a concentrated air attack on Crete. But we have got there first and, according to the Prime Minister, we intend to stay there."

"In Iraq, the Germans have, with the aid of the French authorities in Syria, managed to land their bombers there and have assisted the rebels in attacking our aerodromes at Habbaniyah. But even if General Dentz becomes more pliable to Axis demands, it will not be easy for the Nazis to convert the rebellion in Iraq into a more serious threat."

"On the other hand, there seems little doubt that the French have already permitted a certain amount of German weapons of war to be sent to Mosul by rail and these will no doubt be used to equip the enemy."

BETTER PLACED

"Our own forces are better placed strategically. We know that

"The defensive plan here has long been studied. Palestine is a tough proposition, but Sir Henry Maitland Wilson can be depended upon to make full use of his ground. Of all our generals, he has had the widest practical experience of modern methods of attack and defence. It is owing to their realisation of the difficulties in this area that the Nazis are concentrating on their weapons of corruption and treachery in Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia."

OPERATIONS IN LIBYA

"Coming to Libya, our operations around Sollum are more or less exploratory. They have told General Wavell what he wanted to know and we have deprived the enemy of useful observation posts and inflicted severe losses on him."

Major Hastings went on to point out that in these operations it was patent that when in a tight corner the Nazis were prepared to surrender to the British as readily as the Italians had done.

"Tobruk has played its full part. To fully appreciate the value of this outpost of ours and the gallantry of its garrison," continued Major Hastings, "we must turn to the Nazi communiques of a month ago. According to these communiques, at different times we were completely encircled and at the point of being captured. At other times, the garrison was reported to be on the point of escaping by boats."

"The damage the British troops have already inflicted on the enemy here has been serious and in the latest engagements we have been able to retake most of the ground taken from us."

"Some time ago the Prime Minister said in the House of Commons that in his personal opinion, he would be sorry to see General Wavell's position in the Western Desert exchanged for that of the Germans. I think that holds good," concluded Major Hastings.

LEVELLING OF MARKET STALL RENTS

The proposal to level up the rents of certain market stalls was approved by members of the Urban Council at the fortnightly meeting held yesterday under the chairmanship of Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie.

Referring to the correspondence relative to the matter, Mr. Carrie said that it was found that some stalls were paying a lower rent than others due to the fact that the former had been occupied for a number of years while the latter were new ones.

It was felt desirable that the rents should be levelled and the approval of members was sought on the proposal.

COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on May 17:—Chicken-Pox, two cases; Cholera, 32 cases (14 deaths); Diphtheria, six cases (three deaths); Dysentery, 28 cases (12 deaths); Enteric Fever, 18 cases (seven deaths); Measles, six cases (four deaths); Small-Pox, two cases; Tuberculosis, 191 cases (134 deaths); Typhus Fever, two cases.

DAILY RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 19 is as follows:—Cholera, two cases; Diphtheria, three cases; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Plague, two cases; Tuberculosis, 46 cases.

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QUESTIONS ON IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES

A number of interesting questions in connexion with Import and Export Licences were raised by a correspondent who signed himself as "Easy Money," in a letter to this newspaper yesterday.

The correspondent wanted to know:

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day? Maybe the staff could enlighten us.

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we tax-paying citizens?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without inquiring from the Exporters (after a delay of five or six days).

whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamers when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to impart such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any applications for alteration in the Licence Form to be made within 7 days from the date of applications when they do not return same till 10 or 12 days later?

THE REPLIES

Interviewed by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter on the above, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, replied as follows:

(a) Some export licences are cleared. Some have to be detained for further investigation.

(b) No explanations are given in war time for the refusal of licences. We are working under instructions from the Secretary of State.

(c) No reply.

(d) The matter is under consideration but the question of checking manifests is involved.

(e) If there has been an alteration in the applications the whole procedure has been thrown out of gear and inevitably causes later delay.

ISSUED DAILY

"Asked if he could say how many licences are issued daily, Mr. Hamilton stated that between 2,000 and 3,000 export licences are dealt with every day and that, therefore, the congestion must be heavy.

Our reporter was also informed by the Controller of Trade that he believed, although he was not absolutely certain, that the delay in the United Kingdom for issuing export permits may be very much more than that which occurs in Hongkong. Sometimes it takes as long as two to three weeks before a licence could be issued.

"Boarding Houses" And Ticket Racket

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Straits Settlements. IN OTHER WORDS, HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO PENANG AS NON-QUOTA PASSENGERS!

The couple arrived in Hongkong in the early part of April. Having completed what he had come to Hongkong and China to do, he wanted to return to Penang, and accordingly went to a certain shipping company to book passages for his wife and himself.

Imagine his consternation when he heard that he could not go to the Straits Settlements as a non-quota passenger, but must return there—the land of his birth—AS A NEW IMMIGRANT! He was advised to buy his tickets from one of the boarding houses!

PRICE OF QUOTA TICKETS

"I went to five boarding houses," said the informant, "and in every one of them was told that I must obtain QUOTA TICKETS. Being anxious to return, I asked for the price of these tickets and was quoted, '\$400 ODD' by two or three, and '\$300 ODD' by the remainder, per ticket. THE REGULAR FARE IS \$95 PER HEAD!"

"Not being able to raise so much money, I went to the Protector of Chinese (Secretary for Chinese Affairs) here. I saw a European in the Emigration Office (Sgt. Moss) who brought me to see the Lady Assistant to the S.C.A. These two Europeans examined my birth certificate very carefully, compared the photograph affixed on it with myself, looked at the seal and signature of the Penang official, and finally decided that I was the bona fide owner of the birth certificate.

"The Lady Assistant to the S.C.A. very kindly then endorsed on my birth certificate that she thought that I was the man referred to in the certificate, and sent me with the other European to the shipping company. I thought everything was now all right.

"When we arrived there, the European gentleman with me showed the certificate to the man in the passenger department who, after some time, returned the document and said that HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE LADY ASSISTANT TO THE S.C.A.!

CONTINUED REFUSAL

"We went back to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs (as it is called here), and while I waited in the Emigration Office the European official went upstairs. He came down soon after and told me that everything would be all right as the Lady Assistant had telephoned to the shipping company and had also written a note to them. We went there again, but I could not get my tickets as the shipping people refused to recognise either the signatures of the Assistant Protector of Chinese or the seal of that Department or the endorsement of the Lady Assistant here."

Asked what he intended to do, he replied that he was leaving the whole matter in the hands of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs as that official is the counter-part of the Protector of Chinese in the Straits Settlements.

REPORT CONFIRMED

Interviewed on the subject, MISS PHYLLIS HARROP, the Lady Assistant to the S.C.A., admitted that she had such a case before her and that the facts given in the complaint were substantially correct. (This was later corroborated by Sgt. Moss of the Emigration

Office, who was the European who accompanied our informant on his two trips to the shipping office).

Inquiries by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter revealed that this shipping racket had been in existence since the introduction of the quota system in the Straits Settlements. Formerly, when there was no limit to the number of Chinese entering, passage tickets were sold at only about \$10 above the regular charges.

With the introduction of quota, and the farming out of quota-passenger tickets to passage brokers and boarding house keepers, the rates have risen to a MINIMUM OF \$250 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER HEAD!

MODUS OPERANDI

It appears that tickets are sent out by boarding houses to villages in the hinterland with definite offers of passages to Singapore. On their arrival in Hongkong, they are introduced to the boarding houses where the fleeing operations begin. The visitors, whose wealth would be 'sized up' by the boarding house owner immediately on their arrival, would be told that there were only so many tickets (the quantity depending on the number of persons in that party) available for so many intending passengers. To make it fair, he would say, he would put the tickets up for auction.

On the day fixed for the bidding, a number of "intending emigrants" (friends of the owner) would turn up and start to bid against the genuine applicants until the limit of the latter's financial resources have been reached, when the "competitors" would fall out.

No quota tickets are sold by the shipping companies. As stated, all intending emigrants have to apply for their tickets through the boarding houses which are, apparently, given a free hand in the matter of charges. While non-quota tickets are being sold by the shipping concerns at \$85 each, quota ones are seldom, if ever, sold at their face value, \$95. Furthermore, although children under three years of age are permitted to travel free, yet the decision as to what a child's age might be is left to the boarding-house keepers, with the result that children over two years are usually made to pay a quarter-fare!

S.C.A. SUGGESTION

"As all emigrants have to be passed by the S.C.A.," said MISS PHYLLIS HARROP, when asked if she had any suggestions as to how this racket could be stopped, "I WOULD SUGGEST THAT ALL QUOTA TICKETS BE SOLD BY THIS DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF A EUROPEAN OFFICER."

"The quota permits of 500 Chinese males and 500 Chinese females and their children, monthly. Tickets for these could be sent to this Department and sold by us as agents of the shipping companies at \$95 per adult. Children under three years of age would be allowed free.

"Officials of the S.C.A., I may add, are prepared to take on the extra work gratis, just to see that the people are being charged the right fare."

It might be of interest to note that, in 1938, 42,753 women and children emigrated from Hongkong. Of this total, 30,773 were booked for the Straits Settlements, with Batavia claiming 3,302. In 1939, out of 23,574 Chinese women and children, who left Hongkong, 12,544 were destined for the Straits Settlements and 3,862 for Saigon.

One Of Greatest Feats In Military History

Referring to the British success in the Abyssinian campaign, in the course of a B.B.C. news commentary from London yesterday, MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY declared that it would rank as one of the greatest feats in military history.

He pointed out that when the Italians invaded Abyssinia they took SEVEN MONTHS to reach Addis Ababa. When the British forces took on the job of attacking the Italians they took 94 DAYS to cover a distance of 1,500 miles right up to Amba Alagi.

"Our army in Abyssinia added Italian Somaliland and Eritrea to their conquest," said Maj. Murray. "They were opposed by an enemy who greatly outnumbered them, who had the latest modern weapons of war and who had years to prepare their offensive."

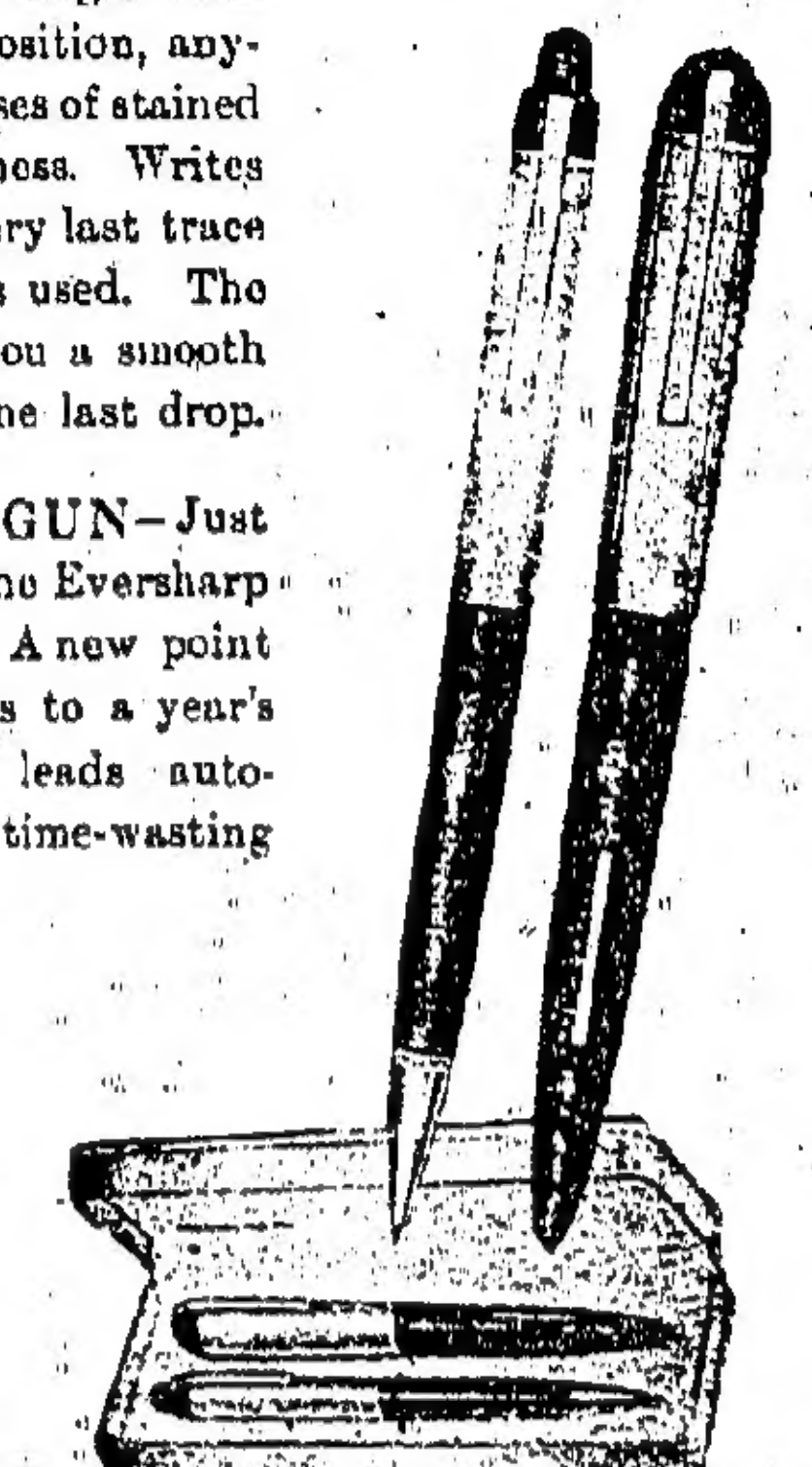
BRAVE SOLDIER

"The Duke of Aosta and his Staff are surrendering today (Tuesday) and may have done so already. Let us say that the Duke of Aosta has proved himself a brave soldier and one of capable leadership. He had instructions from Herr Hitler and Il Duce to keep our forces engaged as long as he could. The position of his troops has now become impossible and the campaign is all over bar the shouting, the shouting being the remaining Italian resistance at Jimmah and Gondar.

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NOTED JURIST'S LECTURE

"Human beings can escape disappointment and disillusion by giving their hearts to God and happiness can only be acquired by loving Our Eternal Father with all our heart, soul, mind and strength," declared Dr. John C. H. Wu, noted jurist, in the second of a series of lectures, entitled "Religion and Life," delivered before the La Salle College Old Boys' Association last evening.

Earthly love, continued Dr. Wu, could only bring disappointment and disillusion. A man might have a very brief happiness with the one he loved but until he came to the realisation that she was not so angelic after more intimate relation, then the happiness would cease. Also a man might be disappointed in his love. But with God love was different.

PROFOUND PHILOSOPHY Dr. Wu said that there was a most profound philosophy in the relation between religion and life. He who believed in God could enjoy the world with greater intensity. Life would be full of meaning when a man had given his true love to God.

In conclusion, Dr. Wu asserted that religion should be the essence and sole activity of life.

Rev. Brother Cassian, Pro-Director of La Salle College, introduced the speaker who was a well-known jurist, lawyer, and remarkable poet. Mr. Lewis Allay, President of the Association, thanked the speaker.

Commendable Action By The Police

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Apparently encouraged by the leniency, the women began to shout abuse at the Police officers and, working themselves into a frenzy, started to manhandle those constables who were sent in to keep them in control.

FINGER BITTEN

Mr. Luscombe had his neck scratched and a finger bitten by some of the women, while many of the Chinese and Indian constables had their shirts torn by the angry crowd.

Finding that they were making no headway by 5.45 p.m., Mr. Thompson decided it was time to take stronger action.

The police were asked to turn in their revolvers and truncheons, and given strict instructions not to roughly handle the demonstrators as they came out through the door. The police vans were then driven up the lane to the doors to receive any of the women who might like "a ride." Two constables were posted under the arches of the Post Office and three at the entrance to the P. & O. building, in order to make certain that the demonstrators did not begin to reassemble all over the building.

When all was ready, Mr. Thompson went in to where the women were yelling and screaming abuses at the Chairman of the Urban Council, the Hongkong Government the Police and everybody in authority. When the door reopened,

done, he is doing against the wishes of the French people. The vast majority of the French people still have our sympathy. We have given Vichy fair trial and they have abused our sympathy at every turn."

SHEER EVASION

SYDNEY, May 20 (Reuter).—Commenting on the statement in which the French Consul, M. Lanciai, deprecated the "Savage attacks upon Vichy" in connexion with Syria, Sir Frederick Stewart, Minister of External Affairs, said it was a sheer evasion to pretend that Syria was powerless to prevent German planes using the aerodromes.

It is clear that the French in Syria have acted under Vichy instructions to place Syria at the disposal of the enemy, he added.

"Vichy's treacherous complicity with Germany's is so manifest that the French Consular representatives in British countries would be best advised to exercise the greatest caution in their utterances and activities."

WHISTLES BLOWN

The demonstration turned, at this point, to a riot when the women began to create a terrific noise by shouting, screaming and blowing police whistles (the latter to summon the police to stop the police from ejecting them) and attacking those constables sent in to get them out of the building.

Five minutes after Messrs. Thompson and Luscombe had re-entered the building, four crestfallen women made their appearance and ran to the waterfront. They were the first to take the option given by the Police officers to "either go away or be arrested."

The din inside the building became worse, and shouts of "save life" was continuously heard.

Deciding that some little force had to be used, the Police at last resorted to dragging the women out of the building and bundling them into the waiting vans. The kicking and yelling of these women defied description.

HARD KICKS

In spite of several members of the Force receiving some hard kicks in the middle of their stomachs and scratches on their faces, with an occasional spit, those who undertook the unpleasant work of handling the women behaved in a most commendable manner. Not one of the women could honestly claim to have been roughly handled—barring the fact that they were lifted up the steps of the van and put into the "Black Maria."

The first carload went off at 6.20 p.m., and the second at 6.35. Whilst being carried into the vans the women could be heard challenging the Police's right to arrest them as they were not criminals!

By 6.45, the fourth, and final, carload of screaming women and children were on their way to the "cooler" where they will have, until this morning, to think over the folly of their latest act which has, incidentally, lessened the sympathy of the majority of the thinking public towards their claim.

Among the Police officers "on the scene of action" yesterday were Mr. W. R. Chester-Woods, A.S.P., Inspector J. R. McWalter, Inspector Chiang Jen-yu, Detective-Sergeant W. Sumner and J. Headridge. The Deputy Commissioner, Mr. C. G. Perdue, arrived later in the evening.

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Posthumous Marriage

CHINESE COUPLE TO BE WED AFTER DEATH

Shanghai will soon witness a posthumous marriage contracted by the elder relatives of a Chinese young man and her sweetheart who recently wrote fims to their romance by jointly committing suicide in a hotel, reports the North China Daily News.

The old Chinese custom, that when lovers cannot realise their aim in this world they should get married in name so that they may be husband and wife in the next world is still observed by the Shanghai populace.

RELATIVES NEGOTIATE

Relatives of Kuo Ming-hsih, late manager of the Wan Li (Joss Paper) Printing Bureau at 7 Hsing Kai No near Quai de France, are now negotiating over the question of the posthumous marriage between the dead manager and the late Miss Chi Shun-ti, both of whom committed suicide in the Ta Fang Hotel in Rue Tourane.

They took liquid poison and when the waiters discovered them early in the morning, one of them was already dead while the other died later in hospital. The "marriage" will take place in a ceremony with the name tablets of the two dead persons carried by their relatives.

VICTIM OF GAMBLING

Chinese press reports revealed recently that Kuo could have lived a happy married life had he not been indulged in gambling, which caused him to lose his job in the printing shop owned by a relative. He was said to have misappropriated a large sum of money from the shop in order to make good the loss sustained through gambling.

After his dismissal, he lived in his fiancée's home just next door. Several days before his suicide, he was asked by the girl's parents to marry their daughter since the

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

CONVICTION REGISTERED

Lau Kiu-wai, 30, unemployed, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday for a "very mean offence."

He was accused of stealing two earthen incense pots from a grave in the Mohammedan Cemetery and three flower pots from the Colonial Cemetery.

The case was heard before Mr. Sheldon on Monday, but defendant was remanded until yesterday for checking his fingerprints because he denied that he had one previous conviction.

THEFT OF OPIUM PIPES

Tsui Cheung, 25, carpenter, Wong Man, 24, and Wong Tam-yiu, 25, both unemployed, were further remanded by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for a week on a charge of larceny of two opium pipes, valued at \$25, from Kwok Tsui at No. 7A, Tai Wong Street East, ground floor, on May 16.

Second defendant is additionally charged with having assaulted Kwok with a chopper, causing him grievous bodily harm.

"In asking for the remand, Det. Sgt. J. Bentley said that complainant was still in hospital."

WOMAN DISCHARGED

Tang King-yuk, 24, married woman, of No. 87, Austin Road, charged with having thrown corrosive acid at Wei Kwok-lun, 40, manager of the Hsin Yeh News Agency, with intent to cause him grievous bodily harm or to maim, burn, disfigure or disable him, was discharged by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday, when the prosecution told the court that no evidence was going to be offered against her.

FALSE PRETENCES

Pleading guilty to a charge of attempting to obtain money by false pretences, Chau Tong, 34, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

It was stated that defendant attempted to obtain the sum of \$8 from Chan Lam at Wing Lok Street by trying to sell to him (complainant) two tubes of Government opium; whereas they contained substance other than Government opium.

Defendant admitted two previous convictions.

Det. Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

DANCE TICKET CASE

Hearing of the case in which Wong Fuk-cheung, 28, salesman, Chan So, 30, teacher, and Wong Wing-hin, 22, salesman, are charged with having received a \$10 dance coupon of Cathay Ballroom on Apr. 14, knowing it to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained was fixed for 2.30 p.m. on June 11.

Kiu Hung, 20, woman, of Room 310, St. Francis Hotel, is complainant.

The case will be heard before Major A. N. Macfadyen. Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for the prosecution, while defendants who are on \$500 bail each, will be represented by Mr. K. F. Wong.

Det. Acting Sub-Inspector F. Nolan is in charge of the case.

HOTEL CECIL THEFT

Before Major Macfadyen yesterday, Li Hak-kin, 24, unemployed, described as an occupant of Room No. 44, Hotel Cecil, was charged with stealing \$250 in notes, the property of Mrs. Leung Mui, of Room 43 of Hotel Cecil on Monday.

He also faced the alternative charge of being found in an enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose. He denied both charges. Det. Sgt. J. R. Sykes, who prosecuted, said that complainant's husband saw defendant, who was unknown to either one of them, walk out of their room into their portion of the verandah. Finding the money gone, he had defendant arrested.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Paymaster-Commander E. Grossman, H. K. N. V. F., of Messrs.

time specified for such an event was approaching.

He could not do so on account of financial difficulties and was alleged to have lured his sweetheart to the hotel where they ended it all by taking their own lives. Moved by their affection towards each other, their relatives are fixing a date for their posthumous marriage.

Grossman and Company, No. 10, Ice House Street, was summoned before Mr. Sheldon yesterday for excessive speeding (35-40 m.p.h.) at Queen's Road East about 12.15 a.m. on May 9.

Defendant admitted the offence. Traffic Sgt. H. Dingsdale said that the situation was not dangerous as the road was clear at that time.

Because of his excellent driving record of not having even a single offence since 1926, defendant was discharged with a caution.

Pleading guilty to a summons charge of a similar offence at Queen's Road Central on May 8, A. J. Stephen, of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, was also cautioned owing to his good record.

AT KOWLOON

IMPERSONATED POLICEMAN

The story of a man assuming the character of a Police officer and threatening to pull down huts in Kowloon Tong was related before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday when Yim Chi-man, 26, appeared on three charges of impersonating a Police officer.

As accused pleaded not guilty, to all charges, evidence was given by Tsang Wal-keung, one of the complainants, who said that accused came to his hut about 3 p.m. on Sunday. Accused told witness that he was a policeman sent from the Shamshuipo Police Station to pull down his hut.

Accused then went to another hut where he told second witness, Pang Fung, 28, a woman, a similar story. He added that the matter could be settled if witness should pay \$5 to the interpreter as "tea money."

He then went over to the third hut and informed Chau Kiu, 35, woman, of the same matter. Yeung Choi, 32, of the Royal Engineers, husband of the second witness, who overheard the conversation, came out and took accused to the Police Station.

Defendant, denying all allegations, said that he went to Kowloon Tong to look for a clansman. As he passed by the huts a woman accused him of being bad character. Several men came forward and assaulted him.

Accused, who has a previous conviction, was fined \$50 or a month's hard labour on each charge. The sentence is to run consecutively.

UNMANIFESTED CARGO

A cook employed by a British ship, Lam Choi-sang, 32, and two other Chinese, Lai Chor, 24, assistant accountant, and Tang Kai, 26, stall foki, were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday with exporting unmanifested cargo and exporting merchandise, without a permit.

Revenue Officer Dunnett said that he made a routine search on board a British ship about 2.30 p.m. on Monday and found 26 packages in Lam's bunk. Eight of them were merchandise which could not be exported without a permit while the remainder were unmanifested cargo.

Lam said that they were entrusted to him by a friend to be taken to Shanghai, and as a result the others were arrested.

Lai Tang admitted that the cargo was their property and that they had given the cook \$1 for each package to be taken to Shanghai.

Lam had his bail of \$50 estreated when he failed to appear. The others were fined \$30 each. The cargo was ordered to be confiscated.

THEFT OF MANHOLE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed by Mr. Anderson yesterday on Chan Kau, 38, charged with larceny of a manhole, valued at \$2, property of the Government, and with breach of a deportation order.

Sub-Inspector Collins said that accused was stopped by a constable in Canton Road about 4 p.m. on Monday and he admitted stealing it from Hong Lok Street.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Wong Yau-chong, 26, of No. 5, Nga Tsin Wai Road, was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday with embezzlement of \$282.40 from Chow Tat-chor, master of Yee Tai Loong Firm at 1029, Canton Road between Jan. 20 and 26.

Hearing was fixed for May 31 at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ will prosecute.

THEFT BY BAILEE

Hearing of the case in which Kwok Chuen-lee, alias Kwok Tin-chol, 38, master of trading junk

\$63,200 For A.R.P. Fire Appliances: Supplementary Vote

Supplementary votes totalling \$483,612 (consisting mainly of re-votes) and \$102,727 will come up for consideration at the meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Among the latter votes the largest is \$63,200 for fire appliances for Air Raid Precautions (Defence). It is explained that the sum of \$141,000 provided in the 1940-41 Estimates was intended to cover the cost of completing a programme which was begun in 1939 for the provision of sufficient fire appliances to meet an emergency.

For this purpose \$220,000 was provided in the financial year 1939 but owing to delay in filling the orders placed through the Crown Agents the sum of \$152,481.37 lapsed at the end of 1939. Most of the appliances ordered have now been obtained and a re-vote of \$63,200, representing part of the amount which lapsed at the end of 1939, is requested.

Other supplementary votes are as follows:—H.E. the Governor (personal emoluments) \$6,289; Audit Dept., \$755; Volunteer Defence Corps (mobilisation stores) \$557; K.C.R. (one lathe) \$10,294; Narrowing of foot-bridge over Shum Chun River at Lowu \$347; Medical Department—Bedding and clothing \$1,600; Relief of overcrowding of Chinese Hospitals \$4,500; Preventive measures against infectious diseases \$1,130; Public Works Dept., seven 21-ton tipping lorries \$7,394; One light lorry \$2,293; Two motor vans \$3,786; Stores Dept. (telegrams) \$150.

TIMBER EXTRACTION

Botanical and Forestry Dept.—Extraction of timber in New Territories in order to increase the stocks of firewood in the Colony \$40,000 (\$25,389.81 is a re-vote); Transport and subsistence of lepers at Gaiman \$17,600; Grant to Boys and Girls' Clubs Association \$1,200; Volunteer Defence Corps mobilisation stores \$1,937; Beckwith fog bell \$5,100; New Police launch No. 9 (replacement) \$13,400; Two new Police motor boats \$22,250; Erection of "Penfold mesh" fence at Kai Tak Aerodrome \$1,435; Re-railing of 0.4 miles of K.C.R. main line \$12,000;

Medical stores and alterations to buildings (Medical defence scheme) \$90,000; Refrigerator for Port Health Office \$626; Transport of printing machinery from Stanley Prison to Messrs. Noronha and Co., Ltd., \$9,374; Alterations to broadcasting studios and offices \$4,580; Sand depot at Central Government Store \$25,777; Wo Hop Shek Cemetery, near Fanling \$151,500; Castle Peak Road—re-alignment near Tsun Wan \$16,440; Installation of new X-ray machine at Kowloon Hospital \$250; Resumption of Inland Lot No. 1135 \$55,000; Food control (telegrams) \$1,000.

No. T1881H, and Chan Fuk, foki of the junk, were charged with larceny of a large quantity of goods by bailee, was continued before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, assisted by Det. Sgt. Matches appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ represented defendants.

Giving evidence, a foki of the Cheng Hop Tong firm, who was on board the junk, said that he overheard first accused telling his brother to hoist a red light on the mast.

Not long after a robbers' junk came and fired at their junk. Witness alleged that the shots were fired in the air.

Further hearing was adjourned until June 17.

JUNK MASTER GAOLED

Cheung Kwai-tai, junk master, and Cheung Yuk-sang, cargo canvasser, who were charged with larceny of a quantity of goods by bailee, were convicted by Mr. Anderson yesterday.

First accused was additionally charged with making a false report to the Police.

Accused were sentenced to four months' hard labour on the first charge, while first accused was sentenced to a further month's hard labour, the sentences to begin as from April 1.

Mr. M. A. da Silva prosecuted, while Mr. A. el Arculli and Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ represented the defendants.

Suffering from a gunshot wound to the left hip, Kan Kwan, 32, a junk foki, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon.

The victim alleged that he was shot by Japanese two days ago near Hau Hoj in Chinese waters.

THE LATE MR. HON KAM-SHING

We regret to announce the news of the death of an old resident and ex-Government servant, the late MR. HON KAM-SHING. He was in the local government service for over 30 years, during a greater part of which period he served in the Imports and Exports Department, and the Central Magistracy of Hongkong, where he was best remembered.

NATIVE OF FUKIEN

Before his retirement from Government service on pension in 1932, he conceived the idea of a meeting place for Chinese civil servants for the promotion of their welfare both socially and intellectually, and became one of the founders of the Chinese Civil Service Club.

A native of Fukien Province, he was instrumental in founding the Fukien Chamber of Commerce. During the last 20 years of his life, he was actively connected with many forms of charitable work especially the relief of the poor and refugees and provision of free schools for children from his province.

Of a kindly disposition, the late Mr. Hon was well liked and respected by all who came in contact with him. He has left a large circle of friends.

Mr. Hon passed away peacefully at the age of 63 at his residence at No. 9, On Lan Street, on May 19, leaving six children. The eldest son, Mr. Hon Yan Lam, is Chinese Agent of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. and the second son, Mr. Alfred Y. Hon is a solicitor with the



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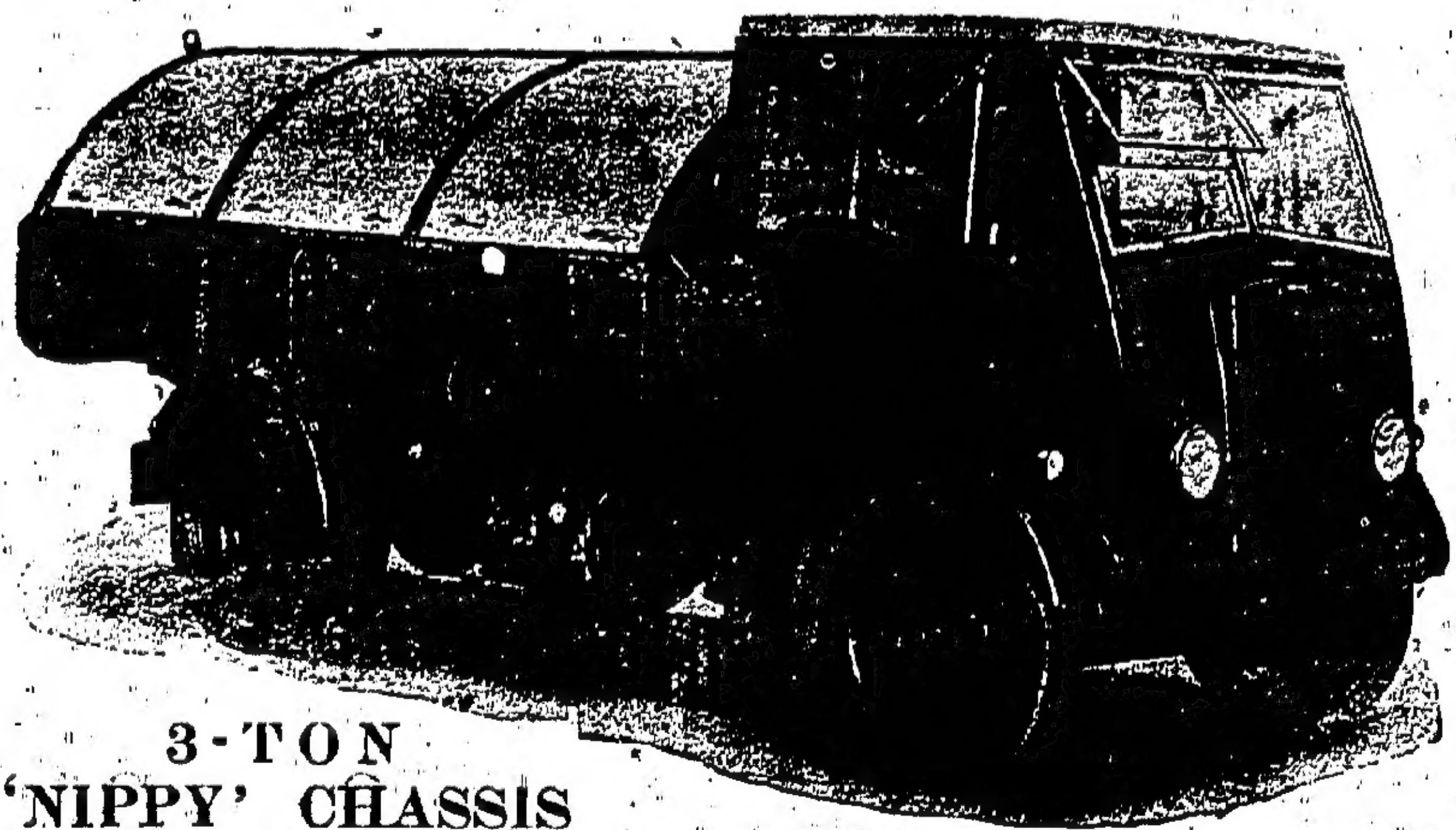
15,000 SIGN LETTER

The campaign to mobilise 100,000 Chinese youths in Hongkong to sign a letter to President Roosevelt, thanking him for the nation-wide "China Week" drive started in the United States, is making satisfactory results.

More than 15,000 youths signed their names at nine different places on the first day of the campaign, and more are expected to sign during the next few days. The campaign will end on May 24, after which the letter will be despatched.

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STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Nominal	TUESDAY 20 MAY.	Buyers	Sellers	Nominal
Banks						
\$1300	\$1310		H.K. Banks	\$1310		
		\$274	Do. (Col. Reg.)			\$274
		\$273	Do. (Lon. Reg.)			\$273
		\$282	Chartered Banks			\$282
		\$283	Chartered Bks. "A"			\$283
		\$283	Chartered Bks. "C"			\$283
\$71		\$71	Bank of East Asia	\$71		\$71
		\$16 ct.	N. C. & S. Banks			\$16 ct.
Insurance						
		\$920	Canton Insurance			\$920
		\$405	Union Insurance			\$405
		\$1	Underwriters			\$1
\$176	X.D.		H.K. Fire			\$176
Shipping						
		\$128	Douglas			\$128
		\$80	Steamships			\$80
		\$80	Indo-China (Def.)			\$80
		\$40/74	Shells			\$40/74
		\$65	Waterboats			\$65
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.						
		\$854	H.K. & K. Wharves			\$854
		\$14.95	H.K. Docks (Old)			\$14.95
		\$261	H.K. Docks (New)			\$261
			Shanghai Docks			
Mining						
		12/8	Kailans			12/8
		\$8	Rauba			\$8
		11 cts.	Hong Kong Mines			11 cts.
Lands, Hotels and Buildings						
		\$2.85	H.K. & S. Hotels			\$2.85
\$31	\$31		H.K. Lands			\$31
		\$972	Do. 4% Debentures			\$972
		\$13	Shanghai Lands			\$13
		\$2.70	H.K. Realities			\$2.70
		\$59	Humphreys			\$59
			Chinese Estates			
Cotton Mills						
		\$354	Ewo (S.)			\$354
		\$265	S'hai Cottons (S.)			\$265
			Zoong Sings (S.)			
			Wing On Textiles (S.)			
Public Utilities						
		\$16.50	H.K. Tramways			\$16.50
		\$74	Peak Trams (old)			\$74
		\$34	Peak Trams (new)			\$34
		\$512	Star Ferries			\$512
		\$21.35	Ymatu Ferries			\$21.35
\$5.70			China Lights (N.)	\$5.70		
		\$14	China Lights (S.)			\$14
		\$29	H.K. Electric (Old)			\$29
		\$214	H.K. Electric (New)			\$214
			H.K. Electric (Rts)			
			Macao Electric			
			Macao Electric			
		\$12	Sandakan Lights			\$12
		\$22.50	Telephones (old)			\$22.50
		\$34	Telephones (new)			\$34
Industrials						
		\$30	Cald. Macg. (Ord.) S.			\$30
		\$25	Cald. Macg. (Pref.) S.			\$25
		\$1	Canton Ice			\$1
			Cement			
		\$132	H.K. Ropes			\$132
			H.K. Govt. Loans			
		\$67	4% Loan			\$67
		\$644	5 1/2% (1934)			\$644
		\$64	5 1/2% (1940)			\$64
Miscellaneous						
		\$171	Dairy Farms			\$171
		\$120	Entertainments			\$120
		\$1	Constructions (old)			\$1
		\$72	Constructions (new)			\$72
		\$2.10	Lane Crawford			\$2.10
		\$24	Nanyang Tobacco			\$24
		\$24	Sincere			\$24
		\$24	Watsons			\$24
		\$24	H.K. G.S. 1925 G.S.Bds.			\$24
		\$24	H.K. Wing On			\$24
		\$24	S'hai Wing On			\$24
		\$24	Vibro Piling			\$24
		\$24	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)			\$24
		\$24	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)			\$24
		\$24	Wm. Powells			\$24
		\$24	Lights Rts.			\$24
		\$24	*Sale to Shanghai			\$24

A "PAX BRIT-AMERICANA" TO ENSURE WORLD PEACE

Had Great Britain and the United States preserved the collaboration that won the Great War there would have been no war in 1939. Quoting the views of Mr. Walter Lippman, famous American commentator, JOHN HARFORD, in a radio talk over Station XCDN recently on "Intervention a fact not a question," fully agreed with them and added that both Britain and the U.S.A. intended to raise up the countries that had been crushed by Nazi power and that they intended to make it possible for those that sought peace to ensure it by presenting the world with a "PAX BRIT-AMERICANA." The talk follows:

"Intervention in this war by the States" and the whole Western United States of America is not a question of words or forms, it is a question of facts and deeds. It is for this reason that Walter Lippman the famous American commentator in one of his most recent articles discusses not 'if' America should intervene but 'why' she has done so and why she has chosen, this particular moment to intervene.

INTERESTING EXPLANATIONS
"His explanation is interesting because he points out that America has intervened in this war for the reasons and at a time similar to those which brought her into the last war. Also he completely explodes the theory that it was then or is now due to the bankers or munitions makers; or from feeling either of sympathy for one party or of hatred for another that America is acting in this way. 'Extraordinary measures' he says 'were taken to secure American neutrality.' No loans were made and shipping was kept out of the way."

VITAL INTERESTS
"Nevertheless when Germany was seen to be threatening Great Britain; when there was seen to be a possibility that an unfriendly power might become master of the Eastern shore of the Atlantic Ocean; the American people felt that their vital interests were engaged and in 1941 just as in 1917 they have realized that American defences are being assailed and must be protected in the manner most likely to be effective."

"It is good that these things should be said and that the issue should not be clouded by a mist of sentiment or a fog of special pleading."

NEVER ANY DOUBT
"There has never been any doubt that Great Britain has America's goodwill. America has always felt safe so long as Britain controlled Europe's Western shores. America has not, however, felt called upon to intervene in a purely European struggle though she has recognized that Great Britain had certain vital interests in Europe which it was necessary for her to safeguard. 'The war has now gone beyond that stage and Great Britain frankly and openly declares that she needs American aid as quickly and in as full a measure as possible. She would not, however, ask for this aid and expect to get it if she did not know that it is to America's advantage to give it to her. And it is this point which is made so clear to his fellow citizens by Walter Lippman."

CONTROL OF ATLANTIC
"This time" he says "the movement was much faster; the outlook has seemed more desperate, but again intervention has only come at a point when British control of the Atlantic was threatened, and when it had been demonstrated by the strength of British resistance that with sufficient American aid the Atlantic Ocean could be defended by the British."

"Some British people are apt to assume, because it is recognized that American and British interests do not clash in any part of the world, that any war in which Great Britain is engaged must automatically be one in which America should be interested to join and support her. 'Conversely some American people imagine that no war which is not actually forced upon the United States could possibly affect their country to the point of making it wise for her to intervene before she is actually attacked."

MOMENT HAS COME
"Neither attitude is justified for it must be recognized that the moment when intervention and support can be expected is the moment when the interests of the other country are served by giving it, and that moment has now come."

"American isolationists are not necessarily being anti-British when they insist upon the non-involvement of the United States in this war. They are merely being pro-American. But the question having become mixed up with politics and personalities has been obscured so that the answer which is really as plain as a pikestaff does not occur to them."

VITAL TO U.S. DEFENCE
"The control of the Atlantic is vital to the defence of the United States."

INCREASE OF FOOD PRODUCTION IN FREE CHINA

Efforts of the National Government to increase the production of wheat and barley to relieve food shortage in Free China have reaped satisfactory results.

According to statistics for the current year compiled by the National Bureau of Agricultural Research, the total area of wheat fields in 15 provinces is 130,000,000 mow, an increase of 9,200,000 mow over last year while the total area of barley fields is 52,000,000 mow, an increase of 2,000,000 mow over last year. The area of bean fields has also increased by 2,000,000 mow.

In Szechwan province alone the total area of wheat fields has increased by 2,600,000 mow, of barley fields by 600,000 mow, and of bean fields 800,000 mow. A good harvest has been reported from various parts of the province.

It is roughly estimated that there will be an increase of at least 15,000,000 piculs of food products in various provinces during the year, including about 5,000,000 piculs in Szechwan.

It is pointed out that governmental efforts at the increase of production and the rise of food prices form the principal reasons for the increase of the cultivated fields.

In accordance with a set of measures promulgated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for the encouragement of winter farming the different provincial governments granted loans, provided seeds, and gave technical assistance to the farmers for increasing their cultivation last winter.

More loans in aid of agricultural production have been extended by the National Government during the current year, and a special committee has been formed under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to take charge of the increase of food production. (Central News).

TEST FLIGHT

A test flight on the Chengtu-Yaan air line under the auspices of the Eurasia Aviation Corporation was successfully carried out when a plane leaving Chengtu at 9:30 a.m. arrived at Yaan one hour later.

An air service will be formally inaugurated some time next month. (Central News).

"China Week" Launched In America

The "China Week" was officially launched throughout the United States when 14 State Governors and 200 Mayors of leading cities issued proclamations urging Americans to support the United China Relief U.S. \$5,000,000 campaign. The necessity of providing immediate concrete aid to the Chinese not only for prosecuting the war but also for relief aid and economic rehabilitation was emphasized.

This is the first nation-wide movement in aid of China "which is aimed not only at raising money but also at making the Americans more conscious of the gallant war of resistance carried on by the Chinese people for almost four years and the stupendous task of relief and reconstruction which must depend to a large extent upon American friends for financial and material assistance."

The major activities are centred at New York which will raise U.S. \$1,700,000 and each day during the week will be devoted to the promotion of cultural relations, trade, child welfare and so on. Prominent persons participating in the events include Lily Pons, Lin Yutang, Dorothy Thompson and Pearl Buck.

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TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES

Destruction of the liberties and independence of almost 400,000,000 people in China and the well-being of that mass of people will hold terrible consequences for America both economically and politically. It is important that the hope with these millions of people in the Democratic standards be strengthened so that China may remain the cornerstone for the building of a 'civilised order of justice and Democracy, the proclamation concluded."

New York's Mayor LaGuardia, who is Chairman of the Mayors' Committee, issued a proclamation declaring that China is the last great Democracy remaining in the Far East to defend the ideals and ways of living which the Americans hold dear.

The Chinese people have suffered daily for four years the horrors of a total war, Mayor LaGuardia continued, and the country appears in imminent danger of strangulation by forces of totalitarianism.

Mayor LaGuardia urged the New Yorkers to observe the Week devoted to securing assistance for the Chinese people. (Central News).

NEWSMEN-MARTYRS OF SHANTUNG

"CHUNGKING, May 20 (Central)—Admiral Shen Hsun-ieh, Chairman of the Shantung Provincial Government, has petitioned the National Government to grant pensions to the families to a number of newspapermen in Shantung who sacrificed their lives while executing their duties."

They included Chang Peng-shih and Chang Hsiang-chiu, of the Shantung Min Kuo Jih Pao, Fu Ming-chiu, of the Shantung Kung Pao, Chang Tze-kung, director of the Licheng Weekly, and Sun Tze-cheng, director of the Min Yen American people of the United News Agency.

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Hotels, \$2.85.
Lands, \$31.
Realities, \$2.70.
Lights (O), \$5.70.
Electric Rts., \$11.25.
Entertainments, \$8.25.
SELLERS
Providents, \$5.13.
Cements, \$15.75.
SALES
H.K. Banks, \$1310.
Providents, \$5.10.
Lands, \$31.
Electric Rts., \$11.50.
Macao Electric, \$18.75.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, May 20, 1941.

SALES
China Lights (New) 1,200 \$ 1.25
H.K. Electric Rts. 250 11.35
14 11.50
1,464
The total value is \$4,498.50.

REFUGEE RELIEF

SHUIKWAN, May 20 (Central)—General Li Han-yun, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, has instructed the Kwangtung Relief Commission to provide adequate accommodation for the refugees in the Walchow-Pokou area and to assist the district governments concerned in emergency relief.

RAILWAYMEN SEEK INCREASED WAGES

CHICAGO, May 20 (Reuter)—Labour agitation for wage increases has now spread to the railways. Representatives of five big Railwaymen's Unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced that they are seeking a 30 per cent. increase in wages and are launching a country-wide campaign.

Notice of the demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 19 (Reuter). Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, \$287-3/4. Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, \$266-3/4. Market quiet.

FEDERAL RESERVE RETURNS

New York, May 19 (Reuter). May 8 May 19 (000's Omitted)
Total Loans \$ 9,892,000 \$ 9,943,000
Investments 17,709,000 17,789,000

Australian War Loan Over-Subscribed

CANBERRA, May 20 (Reuter)—Following a last minute rush Australia's \$35,000,000 War Loan was closed yesterday having been over-subscribed, the Acting Prime Minister, Mr. Fadden, estimates, by \$750,000. The result is considered extremely gratifying, particularly the fact that the number of subscribers was more than double that of the last loan.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 20, 1941.	
On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 445	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 52 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 103 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 5/8	
On demand 1/2 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 1/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 104 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 1/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Tuesday, May 20.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and 23 7/8 for Forward.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 up to 1/2, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
Quiet. There were sellers at 24 1/2 for near and forward, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Business was done early in the morning at 455. Subsequently transactions were arranged at 454 1/2, 454, 453, 452, 451 1/4 and 451. The market closed at lunch time with probable sellers at 451, buyers at 451 1/4 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers at 3/32 and closed steadier at 3/16 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 1/32 and closed with sellers at 5 1/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Quiet. Sterling closed with sellers at 1/3 up to 1/2, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 for near and forward, buyers at 24 9/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened this afternoon with sellers at 452 1/2 with business done at 453 1/4 and 453. At the close there were sellers at 452 3/4, buyers probably at 453.

AFTERNOON MARKET
Sterling opened this afternoon with sellers at 3/16 and then receded to 3/16 1/2. At the close sellers were again reported at 3/16 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 1/32 and then receded to 5/32. At the close sellers were reported at 5 1/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 20 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-1/8	
New York	5-3/16	
Japan	22	
India	17-1/4	
Paris	nominal	
Hongkong	20-3/4	

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-9/32	0/3-19/64
May	0/3-9/32	0/3-19/64
June	0/3-9/32	0/3-19/64

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8
May	\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8
June	\$5-11/32	\$5-3/8

Market—Steady.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 19 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/2

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 19, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	13.09	12.84	12.92	.02 off
New York Rubber, July	24.12	23.80	24.35	.23 off
Chicago Wheat, July	100 1/2	97	97 1/2	2 up
Chicago Corn, July	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	14.90	14.82	14.83b	.01 off

	Close	Change
NEW YORK COTTON		
July	12.92/92	.02 off
October	13.06/06	.02 off
December	13.13/15	.01 off
January	13.13/15	.01 off
March	13.20/20	.01 off
Spot	13.39	.02 off

	Close	Change
NEW YORK RUBBER		
July (New contract)	24.35/35	.46 off
September	23.80/80	.20 off
December	23.36b/39a	.26 off
March	23.01 N	.31 off

Total sales for the day:—1,230 tons.

The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.

	High	Low	Close	Change
CHICAGO WHEAT				
July	97 1/2/97 1/2	99 1/2/99 1/2		2 up
September	98 1/2/98 1/2	100 1/2/100 1/2		2 up

Saturday's sales:—8,350,000 bushels.

	High	Low	Close	Change
CHICAGO CORN				
July	72 1/2/72 1/2	73 1/2/73 1/2		1 up
September	73 1/2/73 1/2	74 1/2/74 1/2		1 up

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK HIDES				
June	14.83b/85a	14.82/82		.01 off
September	15.03b/05a	15.05/05		.02 up

Total sales for the day:—88 lots.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK COCOA				
September			7.83 N	

The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3				
July	2.44b/45a	2.42b/44a		.02 off
September	2.48b/49a	2.46b/47a		.02 off

Volume of business done:—120 lots.

The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4				
July	.84b/.84a	.84b/.85a		unch.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES				
July	11.75b/99a	11.75b/99a		unch.

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL				
July	10.87b/88a	10.80b/83a		.13 up

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK LARD				
September	9.92/92	10.07/07		.15 up

	High	Low	Close	Change
NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER				
September	7.11b/17a	7.08/08		.03 off

The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.

N.Y. Official Silver unquoted 34-3/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4 4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 19.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1962)	103-5/16
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
London & Lancashire Rly. 5%	9
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1938 (Brit. Issue)	39
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/41	38
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan 1908	40
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912	20 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	28 1/2
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	7-9
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5%	42
Loan Rly. 5%	12
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	13
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tai & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	9
Shai-N'King Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	10
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	23 1/2
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	5
Chartered Bank	8 1/2
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, May 19 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 95-04-0.

LONDON GOLD
London, May 19 (Reuter).
Bar Gold, Fine per oz., 168/-

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MAY 20, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	20 1/2	Kennecott Copper	35 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	51	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	29 1/2
Allis Chalmers	26 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	21
Amer. Can.	79 1/2	Loew's Inc.	28 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	35	Martin, Glen L.	26 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	11 1/2	Montgomery Ward	32 1/2
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	18 1/2	National Aviation	7 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	11 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	19 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	39	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	149 1/2	N. American Aviation	12 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	64 1/2	North American Co.	12 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	4 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Anacosta Copper	25 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	27 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11
Aviation Corp.	2 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	13 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	41 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Raglo Corp. of Am.	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	69 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Bills & Co.	14 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	12 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Borg-Warner	16 1/2	Republic Steel	17 1/2
Briggs Mfr.	19	Reynold Tobac. "B"	20 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	34	Shell Union Oil	14 1/2
Celanese	20 1/2	Socoy-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	34 1/2	Southern Pacific	11 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	55 1/2	Southern Rly \$5 pfd.	22 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	22 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	25 1/2
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Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	88 1/2
Great Western Sugar	23 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	25 1/2
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
Int. Paper & Power	13 1/2	National City Bank	—
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21 1/2	Libby, McNeill & Libby	—
Johnsman	58		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	May 17, 1941	High	Low	Close	Change
High	162.50	115.44	115.11	116.35	116.15	.04 up
Low	162.50	115.44	115.11	116.35	116.15	.04 up
Dow Jones Average	162.50	115.44	115.11	116.35	116.15	.04 up
Chinese Eng. & Mining	12/6	27.82	27.92	27.73	27.30	.12 off
Chosen Corporation	4/-	85.45	17.22	17.32	17.30	.08 up
Mercantile Bank of India	11 1/2	92.19	83.08	83.08	83.31	.04 off
Pekin Syndicate	17/-	88.76	48.74	48.74	48.35	.37 up
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15					
Shai Waterworks "A"	22					
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/-					
Lun. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	12 1/2					
Great Western Rly.	33 1/2					
National Bank of India	31 1/2					
S.A. Tob (bearer)	88/9					
Dunlop Rubber	32/10 1/2					
Bristol Aeroplane	9/10 1/2					
Imperial Chemical Ind	30/9					
United Steel	22/9					
Woolworths	47/9					
Maraman Investments	6/3					
Western Holdings	10/7 1/2					
Sub-Nikel	143/9					
Shell Trans. & Trad (bearer)	40/7 1/2					

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, May 20 (Reuter). — On the Stock Exchange yesterday, the turn-over was small with price movements confined to narrow limits.

Gilt-edged stocks were easier on a switch-over of interest towards the London War Savings Campaign.

Foreign bonds were steady except Spanish 4 per cent, which lost two and a half points to 22 1/2. Home rails recorded useful gains. Industrials were featured by improvements in iron and steel

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Bombay, May 19 (Reuter).

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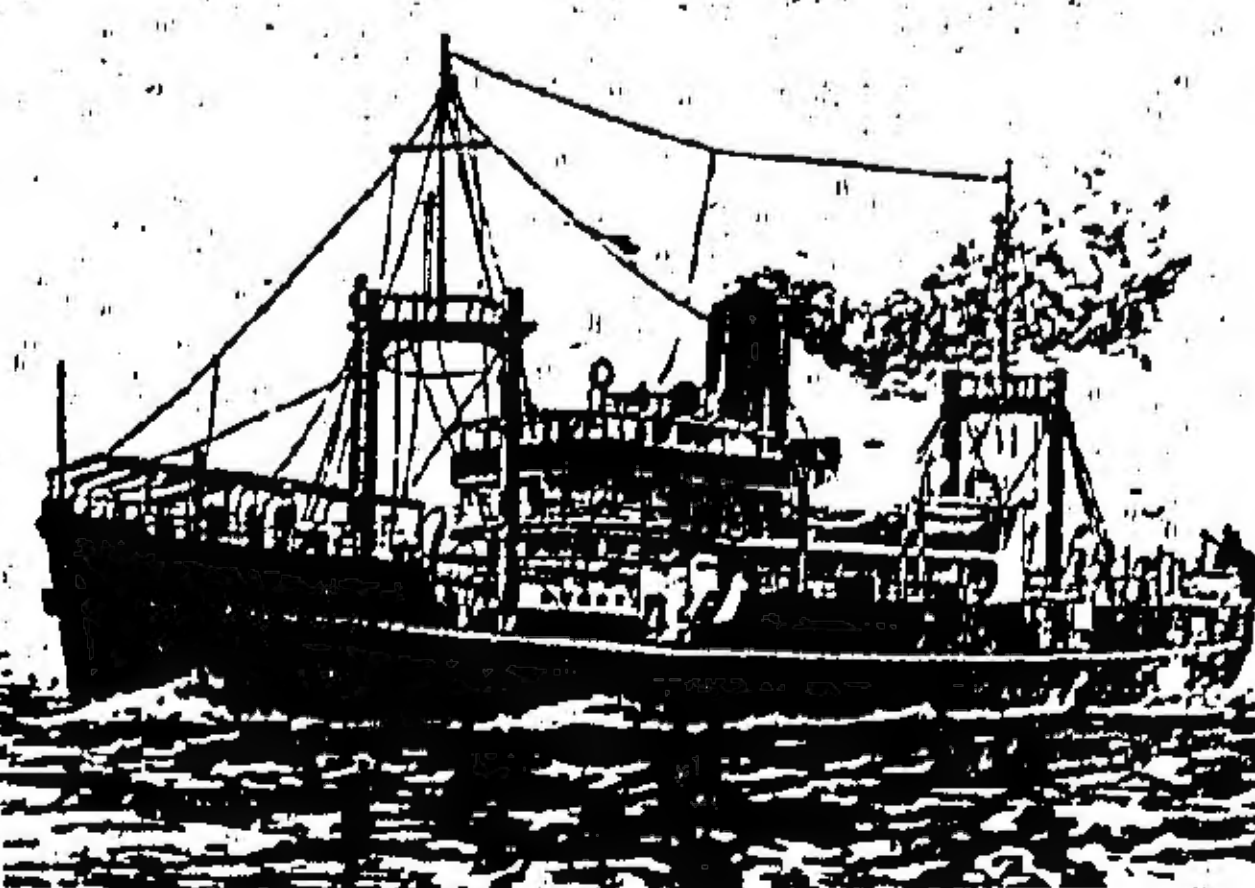
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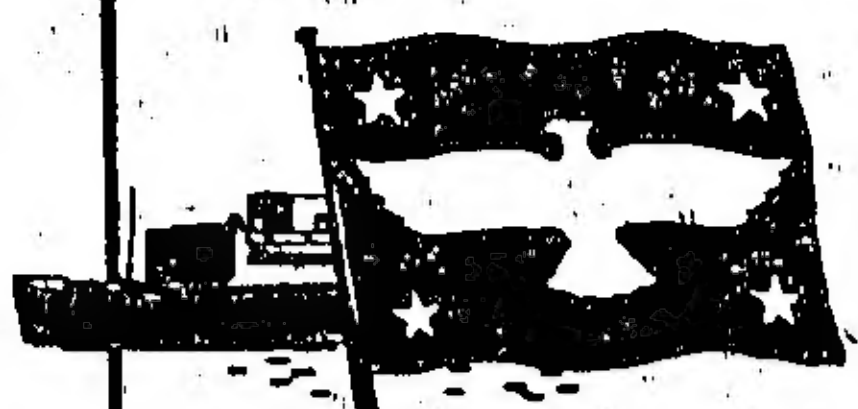
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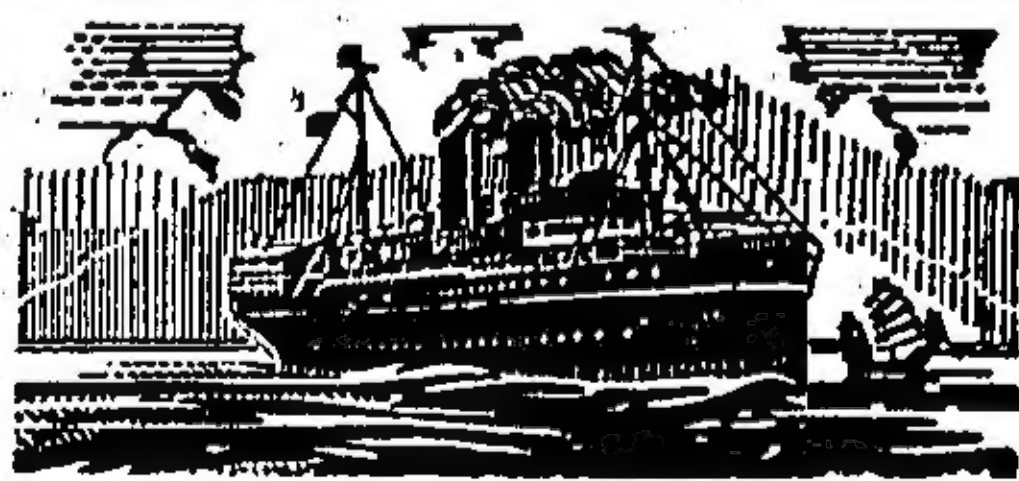
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CHICAGO.—Helium, the valuable non-inflammable gas of which the United States holds virtual world monopoly under the national conservation programme, rapidly is becoming the Nation's Number One handy-man of science, according to the Bureau of Mines. With scientists exploring the possibilities for new uses of the gas, helium already has been put to work aloft in the skies, under the seas, and in humanitarian duties on the ground.

Produced at the Government plant at Amarillo, Tex., which last year had a total output of 6,300,000 cubic feet of the valuable natural resource, helium is used in large quantities by the Army and Navy for the inflation of observation balloons, while the Weather Bureau also employs the gas to lift its meteorological balloons into the air.

The Navy also uses helium in diving operations, and experts declare the raising of the submarine Squalus, which tragically sank off the harbour of Portsmouth, N. H., some time ago, would have been unsuccessful without the gas.

MEDICAL USE

The present-day medical use of helium in the treatment of asthma and other respiratory diseases is an outgrowth of research on the use of helium in diving. The gas also is being employed in the administration of anesthetics, and other promising medical uses are being investigated by research workers. Influenced by growing evidence of the efficacy of helium in medical applications, hospitals and physicians now use about 25 per cent of all helium sold for non-Government purposes.

Laws or ordinances in some localities prohibit the use of hydrogen or any explosive gas in filling toy balloons. Helium is the only safe gas for such use, and some toy-balloon vendors have purchased helium in considerable quantities. Helium also is being used to some extent in "air advertising," by large balloons that hold approximately 1,000 cubic feet and carry advertising on their envelopes or on banners which they support.

CHINESE MILITARY MISSION

SINGAPORE, May 20 (Reuter).—The Chinese Military Mission, which has been on a visit here, is returning to Chungking, "fortified with a knowledge of the immense strength and military preparedness of Malaya," declared a member of the Mission in a farewell broadcast yesterday.

The Mission has just completed a two weeks' tour, during which it visited many centres of military importance. This tour, the spokesman added, has enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya.

"We are happy in the knowledge that we have a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded.

Memorial Service For Revolutionary Leader

CHUNGKING, May 20 (Central).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally attended yesterday the memorial service for General Chen Ying-shih (otherwise known as Chen Ch'i-mei), a veteran Kuomintang leader, and Military Governor of Shanghai during the First

BASRA REMAINS QUIET: TOUR DESCRIBED

BASRA, May 20 (Reuter).—Basra remains all quiet. I have toured the three sections of the city: Marghil, where the airport and docks are situated, Ashar, the business section, which includes British and foreign banks and commercial concerns, and, finally, the ancient city itself with its narrow streets and teeming bazaars, writes Ian Munro, Reuter's Special correspondent in Iraq.

Marghil, which in some respects is the most important section of Basra, is where the military first landed, and in fact was welcomed.

Today it is a hive of military activity with camouflaged military lorries and cars passing in an incessant stream, along well laid roads which present a picturesque sight with pink flowering oleander bushes on either side.

I drove out to Ashar where some fighting occurred a few days ago before the rebel Iraqis were ejected, by Imperial troops. No signs of fighting are now to be seen. Junctions and key points are picketed by sturdy soldiers whose presence appears to be placidly accepted by the populace.

COURAGE OF INDIANS

Many stories are told of the courage and resource of Indian troops. Two soldiers who penetrated Ashar before the insurgents were ejected, and found themselves hopelessly outnumbered by well-armed rebels.

After inflicting severe casualties they were wounded but undaunted, they climbed the roof of a house, pulled down some bricks to make themselves a fort and held out alone till next day when they were relieved by considerable forces which had been sent to occupy the quarter.

Rashid Ali's insurgents, fleeing from Habbaniyah towards Baghdad, cut the dykes along the Euphrates thus causing floods in order to hinder the British pursuit.

Other sections, who fled across the Euphrates to Ramadi, damaged the bridge with the same object.

Evacuation Of Syria

BEIRUT-PALESTINE ROAD MINED

JERUSALEM, May 20 (Reuter).—The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by the British, American and Palestinians on the advice of their consuls is reported in a despatch to the Independent, French agency.

The mining of the road from Beirut to Northern Palestine is reported but not confirmed.

"PROTECTIVE MEASURES"

MADRID, May 20 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the Alcazar reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes, though it is felt that Marshal Pétain and Admiral Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures."

STAY EXTENDED

VICHY, May 20 (Reuter).—Rashid Ali's Finance Minister already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 43 hours, according to a Baghdad message.

Revolution, who was assassinated by agents of Yuan Shih-kai on May 18, 1916.

The Generalissimo was very close to General Chen in the early days of the Chinese Republic.

They were still lurking across the river, shattered and disorganised.

SUFFERED, LITTLE

Habbaniyah itself suffered surprisingly little in the bombardment before the insurgents were driven off.

No key point was hit. A few bomb craters can be seen between buildings while the stations and three churches were all hit by small shells but not seriously damaged.

Beyond the cantonment, a long line of craters where the R.A.F. had bombed Rashid Ali's bands and a few burnt out insurgent gun carriages are all that can now be seen of the battlefield.

Along the Baghdad road, there were many wrecked and burnt out lorries caught by R.A.F. and now submerged by the floods, caused by the insurgents cutting the dykes to ward off the pursuit.

The famous British regiment, with detachments of Indian troops, which did the sterling work and the Iraqi levies, composed of Assyrians, Kurds and Arabs, were responsible for the ground operations which, with R.A.F. assistance, finally drove the insurgents off.

400 PRISONERS

Howitzers, armoured cars, Bren guns, anti-aircraft guns and other armaments were captured in that operation as well as 400 prisoners.

Many of these prisoners are now anxious to enlist in the levies under the British leadership.

It is clear that only very few senior officers knew the real purpose behind Rashid Ali's plans.

The R.A.F. won great praise in evacuating, under shellfire, 200 British women and children without the loss of a single life.

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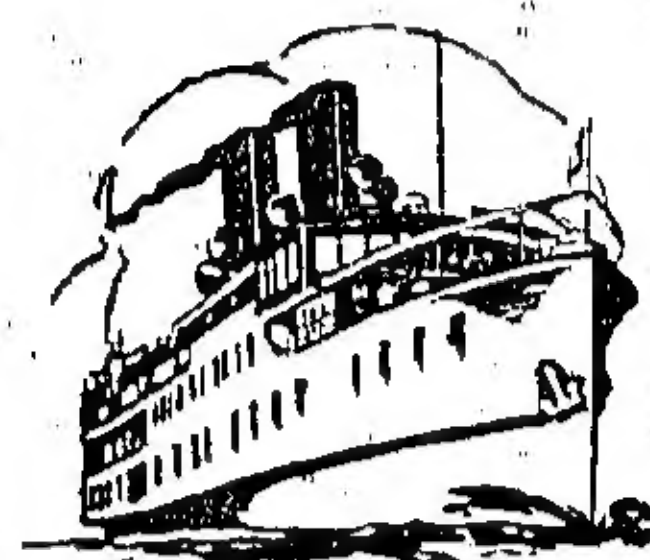
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Four Months' Hard Labour For Widow

Illegal Manufacture Of Govt. Opium Tubes

Remarking that it was quite clear that the particular place had been used to make tubes, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall at the Criminal Sessions yesterday imposed sentence of four months' hard labour on a widow Lam Yun, 57, who was found guilty by a jury of a charge of possession of die and block intended for the production of a mark resembling that used by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports for Government opium.

Two other men, Lam Yun-choi, 22 and Kwan Wan, 18, who had previously pleaded guilty to the charge, were each sentenced to one year's hard labour.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and the following comprised the jury:—Messrs. P. A. Waller, Bader Poonawalla, J. Tanzy, W. C. Tillery, F. A. Gill, Chan Sun-ying and Lau Chi-cheong.

FLOOR RAIDED

Mr. J. Reynolds said a party of revenue officers under R. O. Ahern, raided the second floor of No. 249 Temple Street at about 9.30 p.m. and the door was opened by a woman. In the rear cubicle they found a man sitting on a bed and operating a machine. Accused woman was also sitting on the same bed. She was seen holding a tube and examining it.

The room was searched and on the table, on which was the machine, was found six moulds, four blocks and other tools. Under the bed was a roller machine, which could be used for sealing the tubes, a press and a dish containing lead and lead tubes. The machine was found to be able to produce good imitation tubes used for Government opium.

Accused, in a statement, said she knew nothing about the matter. She was a street sleeper and had been employed by the people of the house as a cook.

UNANIMOUS VERDICT

After a retirement of ten minutes the jury returned an unanimous verdict of guilty.

In sentencing the two men his Lordship said that he took into account the fact that they pleaded guilty and also the fact that that was their first offence. To the woman his Lordship said he took account that she was a woman and probably had not so much to do with and added that he hoped that she would take that as a lesson.

FOOD LAWS AMENDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL

New Member Is Welcomed

At the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council held yesterday, MR. M. W. LO was welcomed by the Chairman (Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie) when he took his seat on the Council. The Chairman expressed regret at the resignation of HON. MR. LI TSE-PONG caused through pressure of work.

Those present were Mr. Carrie (Chairman), Dr. N. C. Macleod, Deputy Director of Health Services (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather, Evans, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. B. Wong-Tape, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

HEALTH AMENDMENTS

In proposing the adoption of several amendments of by-laws under the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance of 1935, the Chairman said that, in regard to those which require that, except with the permission in writing of the Council, no unsalted meat shall be brought in the premises of any food factory, food preserving establishments, restaurant, eating-house and food-stall, or used or consumed therein other than that which has been slaughtered in the Government Slaughter-house, or which has been imported from Canada, Australia, or New Zealand, or from such other localities as the Council may from time to time approve, the restrictions on the export of live stocks from various countries, a new trade of imported meat from Shanghai and North China has grown up.

SHOULD BE EXTENDED

It was felt desirable that the conditions, prohibiting the sale of salted meat at market stalls, should be extended to food shops and so forth.

On Dec. 10, 1940, a by-law was made under the Hawkers' Ordinance which made it compulsory for all hawkers to "provide a sufficient quantity of boiling water and shall cause every chop stick and utensil to be washed in boiling water after their use by one customer and before their use by another".

Although the majority of restaurants and eating-houses voluntarily comply with this by-law it was now thought desirable to extend this to all licensed eating-houses, cafes and restaurants.

CHINESE CEMETERIES

Previously, said the Chairman in moving the adoption of an amendment to by-laws 19 and 20 governing Chinese cemeteries there were four sections in each cemetery but

section "D" was abolished some time ago. The charges at present were 50 cents in Section "A", \$2 in Section "B", and \$3 in Section "C". It was now proposed to abolish the third section, leaving only "A" and "B", the charges for which will be 50 cents and \$3 respectively.

"I want to make it quite clear that while no large coffin can go into Section 'A' there is no reason why no small coffin should not be allowed in Section 'B'."

OFFENSIVE TRADE

Proposing the adoption of the amendment to by-law 16 in Schedule "A" to section 3 of the Public Health (Sanitation Ordinance) 1935, under the heading of Dangerous and Offensive Trades, to read, "The trade of crushing, packing or dealing in any way with manganese ore or manganese dioxide is declared to be an offensive trade", the Chairman said that the former by-law was found to be not wide enough to cover the manufacture of electric torch-batteries.

In proposing the addition of the words "or occupier" after the word "owner" in line six of by-law 2 of "Mosquito Prevention" by-laws contained in Schedule "A" of the Public Health (Sanitation Ordinance), the Chairman explained that in many cases the owner of a house was not able to make the occupier do what he wanted him to do in connexion with the removal of stagnant water.

All amendments were carried unanimously.

Legislative Council Agenda

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held tomorrow at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, the Financial Secretary (Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd) will move the following resolution:—

Resolved pursuant to the proviso to section 3 of the Note-issuing Banks Extension of Powers Ordinance, 1939, that this Legislative Council hereby extends the powers of all note-issuing banks to make, issue, re-issue and circulate notes until and including the 12th day of July, 1942.

FIRST READING

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C.) will move the first reading of a Bill to amend the Prevention of Eviction Consolidation and Amendment Ordinance, 1939; and the second and third readings of a Bill to amend the Post Office Ordinance, 1926.

BANK OF ENGLAND NOTES

Travellers are again advised that the export of Bank of England notes from Hongkong is prohibited, and the import of such notes from Hongkong into the sterling area is similarly prohibited by the sterling area controls.

CHESS RESULTS.

A. C. Poupard defeated J. Greffald in the second of a match of three games for first place in Section "A" of the Kowloon Chess Club Junior Championship at the Peninsula Hotel last night, winning the right to meet A. Benjamin, winner of Section "B", for the Junior Championship of the Club. Poupard and Benjamin will also play a match of three games.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 21 to 27 May 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
		h. m.	h. m.
Wed.	21	06 57	5 4
		18 35	4 6
Thu.	22	07 27	5 8
		19 37	4 6
Fri.	23	07 59	5 0
		20 33	4 9
Sat.	24	08 14	5 3
		21 18	4 5
Sun.	25	08 38	5 9
		22 03	4 5
Mon.	26	08 57	5 8
		22 43	4 5
Tues.	27	09 24	7 1
		23 24	4 4

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 21st MAY, 1941.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom, has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H. K. \$2.00 per 1 oz. for letters and H. K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th May.	3rd June
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th June.	17th June

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
FRIDAY	Fri. 23rd
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue 3rd June
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 17th June
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Service".	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM

STOP PRESS

DISCUSSION ON QUESTION OF CHARGES FOR NIGHTSOIL REMOVAL DEFERRED

It was decided at the meeting of the Urban Council yesterday to defer further discussion on the question of charges for nightsoil removal to the next meeting.

When the Council went into committee, the Chairman (Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie) stated that the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North) mentioned that the suggested rate of \$1.50 per pan for non-domestic premises was a good deal higher than what the majority could pay, and proposed that \$1 be charged instead.

If that rate was adopted, said Mr. Carrie, a school with ten pans would only be paying \$10 per month which would not be sufficient to pay the wages of the coolie doing the removal.

The Director of Public Works, said the Chairman, was of the opinion that \$10 per flat per annum weighs heavily on the poorer classes, and suggested that the charges should be regulated according to the size of the flats.

The Director of Medical Services, on the other hand, suggested that the charges be made according to the size of the buckets.

VARIOUS ZONES

The Chairman went on to say that what he proposed was to divide the Colony into various zones and charge according to the zone and not what the inhabitants in that zone could afford to pay. The poorest class of people were, he said, to be found at the hill districts, like Second Street, in the Western area, where a nightsoil coolie could only collect about 35 buckets a night as against 40 in the lower districts, such as between the Praya and Queen's Road.

Mr. B. Wong-Tape drew the attention of the Council to the fact that many flats, situated in close proximity of public latrines, did

WILL BE CONSIDERED

Mr. Carrie was heard to reply that this, and other matters, will be considered when the method of charging for the collection of nightsoil has been decided.

After further discussion, the Chairman announced that as the matter was not of sufficient urgency to make an immediate decision necessary he would postpone further discussion to the next meeting.

The one important thing, went on Mr. Carrie, was to keep the charges, in the poorer sections, as low as possible.

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